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HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE MAUI COUNTY MAYOR AND COUNTY COUNCIL TO IMPLEMENT VARIOUS MEASURES REGARDING MEDICAL MARIJUANA IN THE COUNTY OF MAUI.

WHEREAS, Chapter 329, Hawaii Revised Statutes, notes that marijuana has viable and effective medicinal attributes and provides that medical marijuana certificate cardholders are permitted to acquire, cultivate, and possess an "adequate supply" of their medicine, however, the law is not clear on how a patient is to acquire their medicine without going to the illegal and unregulated criminal market; and

9 WHEREAS, sending patients to the dangerous criminal market
10 to acquire their medicine is not in the interest of the public
11 safety or the State of Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, the National Institute on Drug Abuse provides a standard dose of useable marijuana to patients in the Compassionate Investigational New Drug research program, and the federal government has established that a medical marijuana patient's adequate supply is 6.63 pounds per year; and

19 WHEREAS, over 90 percent of the legal medical marijuana 20 cardholders of Maui County cannot meet their own medical needs 21 because of theft, bugs, mold, and reliance on an unethical, 22 unregulated, illegal black market; and

24 WHEREAS, the Maui County family farmers (agriculturally-25 zoned landowners) are able to supply the medical needs of the 26 community; and

28 WHEREAS, criminal theft and eradication under color of 29 state law of medical marijuana plants remains one of the biggest 30 problems for medical marijuana patients; and

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WHEREAS, Maui County needs a cash crop to be able to keep 1 the family farmer on the land and the revenue from licensing and 2 3 taxing the lease of secured land for the growth of individual 4 medical marijuana patients would help fund vital Maui County 5 services; and 6 WHEREAS, it is the hope of many people of Maui that federal 7 law reform will eliminate the problems and costs caused by the 8 9 prohibition of the marijuana plant, which has created far greater problems than those attributed to the plant itself; and 10 11 WHEREAS, the County of Maui has been, and remains 12 absolutely committed to the protection of civil rights and civil 13 14 liberties for all of its residents and has affirmed its commitment to embody democracy and to embrace, defend, and 15 uphold the inalienable rights and fundamental liberties granted 16 by the United State's Constitution, the Bill of Rights, the 17 Hawaii State Constitution, and the Maui County Charter; now, 18 19 therefore, 20 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 21 22 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, that the Mayor and the County Council of Maui 23 are strongly urged to implement various measures regarding 24 medical marijuana including: 25 26 Developing a Maui County Family Farmer Medical 27 (1)28 Marijuana Regulation and Revenue Program to tax, regulate and provide safe access to medical marijuana 29 30 that would: 31 (A) License qualified family farmers in designated 32 agricultural zones to accommodate up to 200 33 qualifying patients in a secure location; 34 35 Create an allotment system allowing 36 (B) agriculturally-zoned family farmers on the Island 37 of Maui to supply the medical marijuana needs of 38 Maui by securing and leasing out plots of land to 39 individual patients in which money will only be 40 exchanged over the land lease and requiring a 41



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five-year organic farm plan based on at least two 1 organic crops, the first of which should be 2 3 medical marijuana and the second of which should be another organic crop to be determined by the 4 State Department of Agriculture; and 5 6 Create a community oversight committee to 7 (C) administer implementation of the program, 8 promulgate rules, and request guidance from the 9 Legislature as needed; 10 11 and 12 13 14 (2) Advocating for legislative change to further legalize medical use of marijuana at the State and the federal 15 levels; 16 17 18 and 19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this 20 Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of Maui County and 21 22 Chairperson of the Maui County Council. 23 24 Day 25 OFFERED BY:

BY REQUEST

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