

HB 967 – Medical Marijuana renamed to Medical Cannabis – OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED

We again support the transfer of administration to the Department of Health, and the creation of a distribution system. However, we do not feel that having the Department of Health provide a weekly report on caregivers to the Department of Public Safety is appropriate or necessary. We do not support raising the application fee from \$25 to \$50.

HB 1191 Medical Marijuana distribution system – SUPPORT

We feel that establishing a distribution system for patients who are unable to grow their own medicine is essential. An increase in the number of patients a caregiver can grow for is also important, as good caregivers are difficult to find. If a patient is unable to produce enough medicine, they must resort to transacting on the black market (with a variety of inherent risks). Americans for Safe Access feels it is necessary to eliminate this danger.

HB 226 – Medical Marijuana – SUPPORT

We support increasing the number of plants and usable medicine for patients. We support increasing the caregiver ratio from 1:1 to 1:5. For security, we support REMOVING the “location of marijuana” from the ID card, as that should remain confidential. We also feel that a patients’ “qualifying condition” should not be listed on a written certification, as it is a matter that should remain confidential between doctor and patient. Law enforcement officers do not need to know anything about a medical marijuana patient other than whether that person is legally allowed to possess marijuana.

HB 1635 – Relating to controlled substances – STRONGLY OPPOSE

The number of qualifying conditions for medical marijuana should not be reduced to only cancer, glaucoma and HIV/AIDS. There are many conditions that medical marijuana has been shown to ease the pain and suffering of patients. Multiple Sclerosis, Tourette’s Syndrome, Hypertension, GI disorders, Hepatitis C, Rheumatoid Arthritis and chronic pain are among the conditions that can be treated with medical marijuana. It should be the doctor, not the legislature, who decides when medical marijuana is appropriate.

Respectfully submitted

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February 5, 2009

The Honorable Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
and Members
Committee on Health
The Honorable Faye P. Hanohano, Chair
and Members
Committee on Public Safety
House of Representatives
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chairs Yamane and Hanohano and Members:

Subject: House Bill No. 1191, Relating to Medical Marijuana

I am Louis Kealoha, Captain of the Narcotics/Vice Division of the Honolulu Police Department, City and County of Honolulu.

The Honolulu Police Department opposes House Bill No. 1191, Relating to Medical Marijuana.

The bill seeks to set security standards and allow a person to grow marijuana for no more than 14 qualifying patients in a secure growing facility. The illegal sale of marijuana is a highly profitable business. Asian gangs, outlaw motorcycle gangs, and Mexican and Colombian drug trafficking organizations realize the financial rewards.

These marijuana growing facilities will attract criminal activity, and thefts will occur despite the minimal security measures as specified by this bill. In the end, the grower will be left to replenish the stolen marijuana and generate a continuous supply of marijuana for anyone wanting to steal it.

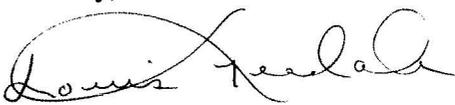
The Honolulu Police Department urges you to oppose House Bill No. 1191, Relating to Medical Marijuana.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

APPROVED:

Sincerely,

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Comments:

As a medical marijuana patient I do not have adequate supply of medical marijuana under the law that is currently written. I support agriculture land having the capability to have growing facilities for that purpose.
Thank you for your service.