# STRONGLY SUPPORT S.R. 42 and SCR75

Hello Senators of the Judiciary Committee,

Aloha to thee. Share and I STRONGLY SUPPORT you to PASS the Senate Relolution "urging the federal government to grant Roger Christie [me] bail until trial", or better. We give thanks in advance to God for the success of this unusual and necessary action to refresh our Constitutional Right to reasonable bail, and to restore confidence in the judicial system.

We thank Senators Sam Slom and Russell Ruderman for their statesman-like approach in drafting the Resolution and respecting the Constitution above all other political obligations. We urge the Chair, Vice Chair and other Judiciary Committee members to vote for the Constitutional Right to reasonable bail for me - and for all of us. 'My rights are your rights' and those of your family, your friends, your neighbors. If we want a viable Constitution to pass down to our children we need to exercise and respect it when it's being challenged as it is now. "We the people" and you, our State Senators, need to send a message to the federal government that they derive their power ONLY from the consent of those they govern. "Silence equals consent" and we will not be silent and we will not consent to their abuse of power in this case.

After operating the THC Ministry for approximately ten very happy and complaint-free years in the heart of downtown Hilo I was arrested along with my wife, two secretaries and some of our members; the Green Fourteen. Thankfully, all my other co-defendants were released within 48 hours on a simple signature bond. We all pray and intend for victory in this case.

Imagine my surprise in being arrested and repeatedly denied bail as "a danger to my community" based on false characterizations after being told by the U.S. Attorney - twice, Hilo's D.E.A. Agent, and a U.S. District Judge (on-the-record) that I could proceed with my THC Ministry activities. H.P.D. Vice Officers visited the THC Ministry and told me that my ordainment and state license to marry people as a "Cannabis sacrament" Minister was legitimate and that I could distribute Cannabis, "Just keep it private", they said.

In order to marry people with Cannabis sacrament I needed to cultivate or to acquire some, I needed to possess it, to transport it and to distribute it during the ceremony. All the very things I'm being prosecuted for. And all the very things law enforcement repeatedly told me I was allowed to do.

I'm a practitioner, legally allowed to administer a controlled substance in the

course of my professional practice. My ordainment is to God to serve my community with a therapeutic Cannabis Ministry. We make the holy anointing oil of Moses with the original sacred recipe that includes Cannabis as the 'fragrant cane' according to three Hebrew dictionaries. Anoint = Christ = Messiah. My license is legitimate and it's good for life. "Marrying people is the essence of state power" according to a recent statement by U.S. Supreme Court Justice Anthony M. Kennedy. I claim a 10th Amendment defense, also a defense of estopple, a religious defense, a defense of necessity to provide for medical marijuana patients, and a defense of laches as I was allowed to operate unmolested by law enforcement for over nine years.

My confidential legal mail is routinely and illegally opened without my permission. Is it copied and sent to the prosecutor? My fundamental religious rights are routinely denied here in FDC. The Chaplain refuses to meet with me, month-in, month-out. He refuses to process my paperwork to be recognized as a "new or unusual religion", year after year.

I understand that I'm the most responsible party in this case as I've been as close to the frontlines of the 'war on marijuana' as I could possibly get for over 27 years. My message has been consistent throughout; Cannabis hemp, or 'marijuana' is very good; the war or prohibition of Cannabis hemp is very bad. It turns out that the 'devil's weed' is actually the 'tree of life'. That might take a little getting used to, but it will be done because it's now provable. Substitute the word 'cannabinoid' for 'marijuana' and start your search on Google. Three U.S. Patents have been granted for cannabinoids in medical marijuana recently, the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 2012 was for cannabinoids to PREVENT disease, etc., etc.

Please know that I want to go home for the cause of justice, not for my personal comfort. I'm here for a principle that needs to be won for me, for the THC Ministry, and for all people who value the guarantee of religious liberty for now and forever.

When we were arrested I went into prayer; God, that's great! Please show us the blessings in THIS situation ... and hurry! We are safe, we are loved and all is well. Mahalo and aloha.

All the very best to everyone!

With love and respect,

Roger and Share Christie

The Hawai'i Cannabis THC Ministry

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# <u>SR42</u>

Submitted on: 4/8/2013 Testimony for JDL on Apr 10, 2013 10:00AM in Conference Room 016

Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	Present at Hearing
Noelie Rodriguez	Global HOPE [Hawaii Organization for Peace & Envir	Support	No

Comments: The Roger Christie case is an embarrassment to our democracy. The Global HOPE organization (with over 800 participant/members) urges the passage of this legislation and the Constitutional rights and processes to finally be upheld.

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E. Moanike'ala Akaka	Aloha 'Aina Education Center	Support	No

Comments: April 8, 2013 Aloha: It is time for Hawai'l to declare itself in defense of the Constitutional Rights of citizen Roger Christie who has been held for three years by Federal authorities in a Honolulu prison. This is far more than a test of the legality of the use of cannabis, (which 52% of Americans now believe should be decriminalized), it is a challenge to the roll of central government (WashingtonDC) to run amok over Citizens' and States' rights in the areas of religious freedom, the right to a fair trial in a time frame of deliberate speed, and to be free on reasonable bail while seeking to defend one's self. All these Constitutional guarantees have been denied citizen Christie, rendering US citizenship a nasty, debilitating blow in the court of world opinion. Hawai'i, as a State of this federated Republic, has a right, indeed a responsibility, to show the US Government the error of its ways by defending our citizens and thereby giving muscle to the lofty ideals so many good Americans, among those of other nations, have sacrificed to advance the noble cause of "Liberty and Justice for All." E Makemake Kakou i ka PONO, Moanike'ala Akaka Hilo 935-7981

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Clive Cheetham	Koa'e Community Association	Support	No

Comments:

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I have known Roger for 30 years. He is a political prisoner. This is a travesty in modern America. The claim that he is a danger to the community is absurd to those who know him. The claim that he is a flight risk is also absurd. He lives in Hilo and has done for a long time; he is not going anywhere.

Roger's arrest made not the slightest difference to the cannabis industry on the island of Hawai'i. He was not making much money. He lived in his mother's apartment and drove an old vehicle.

There are many truly dangerous people who are granted bail and are an active threat to the people of this island.

Roger is guilty of openly challenging the very foolish and wasteful 'War on Drugs", and should be honored as the courageous and dedicated man that he is.

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## <u>SR42</u>

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Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	Present at Hearing
Joshua Jacob Snider	Mundart Press	Support	No

Comments: To whom it may concern, I wish to express my great concern over the pretrial detention and denial of bond, of my dear friend Roger Christie. He is not a dangerous or violent person and he is certainly not any kind of flight risk, both on account of his personal beliefs and convictions as well as being someone who would be easily recognized in any part of the world. I have been blessed to have known Roger Christie since 2001. I have received a great deal of spiritual support from him over the years and have talked with him in depth about various scripture excerpts as an expert in world languages and linguistics. Please afford my dear friend the right to bond, so that he may prepare for his upcoming trial in a manner consistent with our constitutional and statutory laws. Respectfully submitted, Joshua Jacob Snider Mundart Press 807 Howard Street Petoskey, Michigan 49770 Materials for Marginalized and Endangered Languages

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Testimony for JDL on Apr 10, 2013 10:00AM in Conference Room 016

Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	Present at Hearing
Andrew C. Bairnsfather	Christians Against Prohibition	Support	No

Comments: It is nearly completely unbelievable to me that a person, this person Roger Christie, could be imprisoned for so long without a trial. How does this not constitute torture? How is this not an obvious violation of the fundamental principles of our Constitution? I urge everyone to follow the Golden Rule. Growing, possessing, and sharing sacramental plants which God has blessed us with is NOT a crime. In fact the treatment of people like Roger Christie was prophesied long ago in 1 Timothy 4:1-5 (the Bible). Come Judgement Day when God settles all accounts and makes sure restitution is paid, I can say this, God is not going to side with those who condemned his plants and imprisoned people over it. God will make sure restitution is paid to those who have been treated shamefully due to it. If you are a supporter of this bill I urge you to be vocal in support. If you are against this bill, I beg you to humble yourself in fear of God, not humans. I mean you no harm; I'm praying for you. Please support this bill. Thank you.

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Beverly Frederick	WisdomWay Center	Support	No

Comments: The WisdomWay Center urges the Chair, Vice Chair and other Judiciary Committee members to vote for the Constitutional Right to reasonable bail for Roger Christie - and for all of us. His rights are our rights and those of our family, our friends, our neighbors. If we want a viable Constitution to pass down to our children we need to exercise and respect it when it's being challenged as it is now. "We the people" and you, our State Senators, need to send a message to the federal government that they derive their power ONLY from the consent of those they govern. "Silence equals consent" and we will not be silent and we will not consent to their abuse of power in this case. Roger & his wife Share were devoted yoga students of mine for many years and I know them well. To say that Roger is too dangerous to society to be given bail for 3 years makes a complete joke of our judicial system. Make no mistake, the people of Hawaii are watching your decisions on this matter of our constitutional rights.

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Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Amara Karuna	Laakea community LLC	Support	No

Comments: It is an outrage that anyone should be held for 3 years without bail. thank you Amara for Laakea community

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Su	ibmitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
E	ric Marantz	Village Green Society	Support	No

Comments: Honorable Committee Members, I have been a neighbor to Roger Christie since I moved to Big Island in 1990 and I can attest with complete confidence that he is anything but a danger to his community. The 8th Amendment to the Bill of Rights says: "Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted." Please do the right thing and honor our laws and rights. Respectfully, Eric Marantz President Village Green Society

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Judith Arnold	Advance Productions of TCR	Comments Only	No

Comments: Release Roger Christie Now!

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Release Roger Christie! (2) I resoundingly agree with statements of Richard Miller, retired Professor & Dean of U.H. Manoa Law School, in a letter to his former student Florence T. Nakakuni, now U.S. Attorney of D.E.A. in Honolulu, it is a "gross injustice which has led to Roger Christie's lengthy incarceration because of a denial of bail." Professor Miller continues "Our most dangerous 'drugs,' causing very large numbers of deaths, are alcohol and tobacco. Marijuana doesn't even come close."

Roger Christie has been incarcerated for almost 3 years without trial and denied bail. Senator Russell Ruderman has two resolutions in the Hawaii Senate supporting Roger Christie's right to bail before trial.

The Judicial Committee will vote Wednesday on resolutions SCR75 and SR42 "Urging the Federal Government to Release Roger Christie on Bail Pending Trial."

Tuesday, April 09, 2013

# Letter Of Support To The Court Favoring The Immediate Release Of Roger Christie

I am J. Nayer Hardin, founder of and a conductor on the <u>Computer Underground Railroad</u>, a cyber division of the original Underground Railroad. We use computers and other technology to help people be free. The application of <u>hemp</u>, <u>marijuana</u>, <u>cannabis</u> (by whatever name) to our many problems is one of the technologies we support. The freedom to pray as our soul directs is another tool we can use to save ourselves from the <u>environmental holocaust</u> we have created.

I am writing this letter of support for <u>Reverend Roger Christie</u> who is in jail for praying with hemp and support the reverend's immediate release. I understand the process of releasing him and allowing him to have a trial, but in this time, when humanity must focus on saving ourselves from what we have created, it is imperative to unconditionally free Rev. Christie now! Paraphrasing the old typing training phrase 'now is the time for all good people to come to the aid of our world.'

My bias is I still believe in the court system's ability to make constructive change, as was demonstrated in the civil rights movement and is in process for LGBT rights. An uncorrupted court is committed to doing the right thing, what is in the best interest of the citizens above all else, by instituting the Will Of The People. Countless surveys have revealed that We The People want to be free to consume hemp, a what the <u>Willie Nelson</u> <u>Peace Research Institute</u> calls "a peaceful solution" to many of our modern problems.

There is no question that Roger Christie is a holy man in jail for empowering the process of prayer. For those who have never tried it, hemped prayer is a process of 'relax your animal so your spirit can soar.' I was raised Catholic, been doing <u>A Course In Miracles</u> since 1986, was a member of <u>Dr. Norman Vincent Peale's</u> church, and am a metaphysical book reader including currently engaged in a cover to cover reading of the King James Version of the bible, having recently completed the Book(s) of Mormon (Book of Mormon, Doctrine and Covenants, Pearl of Great Price). I do my best to hemp and pray every day. It keeps me on my mission without whining all the time.

The United States was founded in part on hemp, which has been used to pay taxes in the past. Given that both Washington and Jefferson were hemp farmers, it is logical to assume that their interests were part of the founding process. No way that they would want a man of prayer in jail for interacting with nature. Neither do I.

Rev. Roger Christie is an ordained minister. His site's biographical information reveals <u>http://www.thc-ministry.org/?page\_id=362</u>

"On June 19, 2000, Roger received a license to perform marriages in the State of Hawai`i, becoming the nation's first licensed Cannabis Sacrament Minister (Hawai`i Department of Health License # 00-313). Roger founded The Hawai`i Cannabis (THC) Ministry in Hilo, Hawai`i to share the blessing of the Ministry with the world. Roger opens the Ministry to all sincere religious users and cultivators of Cannabis and has built a world-wide congregation of Cannabis sacrament practitioners from more than 60 countries."

Rev. Christie did nothing other than his ordained duties...which is why this injustice is operating in the first place. It is a minister's responsibility to provide the <u>sacramental</u> <u>tools to the prayer group</u> gathered. Yet, and we're talking America in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, the Information Age, while in the process of fulfilling his God given responsibility Roger

Christi was arrested three years ago without as much as a trial, let alone national media coverage.

The Marijuana Legalization Organization reports

"The <u>First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution</u> says the government cannot make laws "prohibiting the free exercise" of religion. Many people use marijuana as a religious sacrament, and forcing them not to use marijuana clearly prohibits the free exercise of their religion. In order to comply with the First Amendment, our laws should allow for the religious use of marijuana.

- <u>Rastafarians use marijuana</u> in religious rituals to enhance their consciousness of the relationship between God, Creation, and the individual soul.
- <u>Getting Off Drugs: The Legalization Option, by Walter Wink</u> explains why the views of the Society of Friends (Quakers) favor legalization.
- <u>Christians for Cannabis</u>: Judeo-Christian scripture and tradition support the legalization of marijuana.
- The Shinto tradition incorporates <u>Hemp in Religion</u>
- Stephen Gaskin explores the religious use of marijuana in his book, <u>Cannabis</u> <u>Spirituality</u>."

# Back in 1996 <u>9th Circuit Court of AppealsRuled Religion May Be</u> Defense to Marijuana Possession

"The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit ruled on February 2 that under the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993, Rastafarian defendants should be allowed to show that they use marijuana for bona fide religious reasons in their defense against charges of possession of marijuana (*U.S. v. Bauer*, No. 94-30073, 96 C.D.O.S. 756, 1996WL42240 (9th Cir. 1996); <u>http://www.law.vill.edu/Fed-</u>

<u>Ct/Circuit/9th/opinions/9430073.htm</u>; Reynolds Holding, "Rastafarian Pot Could Be Legal," *San Francisco Chronicle*, February 3, 1996, p. A14; "Marijuana For Religious Reasons," *Washington Post*, February 5, 1996, p. A10; Associated Press, "Court: Rastafarians Can Hold Marijuana," *Chicago Tribune*, February 4, 1996, p. 9)."

I don't know if that ruling was overturned, but at least the court got that one right. We have a right to pray in the style that suits our souls best. It is most important for all of us, especially holy souls, to do the right thing, what the Lord says do.

There are many references to the herb in the bible, and Rick Simpson's caner oil sure reads like the "oil of gladness" in Psalm 45:7. Without the court's intervention in this insanity called the war on drugs, we are doomed to deal with the excess radiation coming off of the nuclear disaster in Japan. <u>Hemp's "oil of gladness"</u> has sent many cancers into remission.

In summary Reverend Roger Christie has no business being in jail for living as a minister and fulfilling his divinely ordained function, like Moses, Jesus and countless other great souls have been free to do before him. I am sorry to realize that we have devolved from the land of the free and the home of the brave to a nation where some forms of prayer that hurt nobody are illegal and can get one thrown in jail for years without a trial. I pray the court will erase the folly of making prayer and prayer tools illegal.

Though it is a shame that he is in jail, it would be both the right thing to do and a blessing to free Reverend Roger Christie - and all other non-violent hemp political prisoners - now. Fukushima's triple nuclear melt down is in process, genetically modified foods have been approved, we have at least 3 oil "spills" going on today, the toxins from

the BP oil spill are still in the ocean, and the news is full of talk of war. We need all the prayer warriors free that we can get just to have a chance at surviving as a species. Paraphrasing George Carlin, 'the planet will be just fine...man on the other hand' Freeing our prayer leaders affords us the opportunity to use the power to heal found in "Where two or more are gathered in my name."

For the above reasons plus his profound work in expanding the use of the cannabis prayer tool, I recommend that Roger Christie and all other non-violent political prisoners be released as unconditionally free from religious persecution, just like the Constitution says.

J. Nayer Hardin Computer Underground Railroad Enterprises This is about what is right and what is wrong.

Peace is the way doug barnett Clerk, Los Angeles Monthly Meeting of The Religious Society Of Friends (Quaker)



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Dear Sir/Madam,

Greetings and aloha. My name is Barabbas and I am most pleased to be afforded this opportunity to write to you. It is not so much on behalf of Reverend (Roger) Christie, as it is on behalf of myself and the joy I have knowing he may finally be allocated the due process we thought would be forthcoming.

At a formidable time in my life I was wavering between the darkness of our modern society and a more rewarding path in a more positive light. I met rev. Christie and he was almost too kind, so much so that I was considering the scenario a confidence scheme. I was so very wrong by my cynical assessment. He opened his heart and arms and I have been the better man and human for it.

In the many years I have had the privilege to know the man and his work, which are inseparable; I have continued to be awe struck at the depths a single man's heart can be fathomed. In that time he was consistent and forthright with all he owned and knew to help others. His thoughts, philosophy and feelings are true and genuine. More so than I have the strength to look into myself or I see in others.

He was beyond reproach even in his more generous acts such as keeping his private residence open to any and all whom needed help. It is a selfless act I do not see any other person in the public concerns even considering be they politician, police officer or social worker. Even with the problems it created he was adamant that he was to be accessible to his fellow man. It is an act unmatched and I still consider it to have been a leap of faith few would take.

I beseech you to consider this poor man's plight or even just proper application of our judicial system. Going on three years of incarceration with no civil or human rights is unthinkable but achievable since he is held in limbo due to the Machiavellian mechanizations of the federal bureaucratic system. This whilst others accused of violent crimes are bonded out into our communities and continue to frighten our peace. I am beyond understanding of this situation. Actually I do understand it and all the more disgusted to see it happen under the greatest social governance experiment ever created. As Kipling would say, that is a tale for another telling.

In closing, we love the good shepherd and honorable man Reverend Christie and I personally beg you to actuate the means so as to release him back into our community and collective hearts. We were all better to have him amongst us than this long and sorrowful absence.

In closing I do so thank you for your time and considerations with regards to this matter.

-Thank you and mahalo. Sincerely yours,

Barabbas M. Gould, Rev.

March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013

#### April 9, 2013: On behalf of Roger Christie:

I wonder what has happened to my beloved country. It has cruelly treated one of our finest community members, Roger Christie a man of passion who was preaching as Pastor of the THC Ministry. So as far as I know, Roger has been gentle, caring, seeking harmony with all through a church sacrament that is renowned in the Bible. He is exercising his inherent rights under the first amendment as an ordained minister. He is exercising his liberty in pursuit of happiness for others and himself. He is a great benefit to his community and we want him home with us so he can continue his work.

The denial of bail to such a man is certainly beyond any reasonable due process and therefore, he is being punished in "cruel and unusual" ways while just awaiting trial! This man is presumed innocent until **proven** guilty in a court of law. So you are persecuting a presumed innocent.

Due process is guaranteed by the Constitution of America. I am proud of the coherence of our founders when they boldly proclaimed our sovereignty and sought to guarantee our Liberty in perpetuity by establishing America's Liberty and who strove to achieve Liberty for All. Since 1776 we have striven to build on this awesome beginning. Many of us have sworn oaths to protect and defend the Constitution. As a member of the US Navy, I swore an oath to the Constitution, and was proud to do so.

Surely all remember the Jefferson's Memorial inscription: "I Have Sworn Upon the Altar of God eternal hostility against every form of tyranny over the mind of man."

Our public servants and judges take oaths to protect and defend the Constitution. I expect those oaths to be honored.

This issue is simple. By all of the above, Roger must be released.

I understand that the same judge refusing bail to Roger has recently afforded a man charged with espionage, was released to a comfortable half-way house! This is an obvious reflection of the sad state of our courts. How could this ever be allowed to occur at all?

Please do all you can to correct this situation. Restore due process, justice, and fairness to our 'aina of Hawai'I and to all of America. It is wise and kind acts such as treating your fellows fairly that will send a signal to the whole of the Earth as to how Harmony can be restored and maintained. I will be proud when our justice system is working again.

"Hemp is of first necessity to the wealth & protection of the country." -Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration.

Mahalo, In the Spirit of Aloha, Michael T. Hyson, P.h.D.

Dr. Michael T. Hyson, Ph.D.

I support HR42. It is a travesty of justice that a citizen of the United States has been incarcerated for three years without a trial and denied bail. Holding a citizen without due process is a breach of habeas corpus. That is unconscionable in the United States of America. Thank you.

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Ann N. Gleason

Lecturer, University of Hawaii at Hilo

Dr. Myron Berney in Full Support: SR42 SD1 Support

# Arresting Roger Christie has not made Marijuana less available.

The only thing this tragedy shows is that the Federal Government is completely IRRATIONAL and UNCONSTITUTIONAL concerning their treatment of Marijuana, a safe and effective herbal medicine.

Marijuana ceased being a Schedule I drug immediately upon the official Federal recognition of Marijuana as a Medicine for the VA on January 31, 2011.

Law Enforcement refuses to admit TRUTH, THE MEDICAL TRUTH OR THE LEGAL TRUTH.

Habeas corpus, The Separation of Church and State, The Broken Paddle, State and Federal Right of Privacy, The Supreme Court and the Founding Fathers are all set aside and ignored concerning Marijuana.

# The Federal Attorney says he needs more time because he can't figure out how to win the case.

Tragically and Ironically, a prior delay was requested because the prosecuting attorney's wife died of ALS, a neurological disease which is a Medical Marijuana diagnostic condition, an untreatable disease treatable with Medical Marijuana. This is Exactly what the Compassionate Clause was promulgated for in 1909 to protect the patient and the Native Hawaiian Healers.

The State of Hawaii and the Federal Government both refuses to give the same Constitutional Protections to Marijuana, an herb safer than aspirin, that they give to Abortions.

How can the State of Hawaii Legislators who discuss openly a Medical Marijuana program not know that Marijuana is a Medicine?

If they know Marijuana is a medicine, why do they violate their own Constitution and the Constitution of the United States of America?

If you are afraid of a commerce clause, then the State can simply provide Medical Marijuana for noncommercially, for Free, to qualifying patients.

But since the medical use is recognized by the Federal VA system, and the Federal VA health care delivery system depends upon the successful and Constitutional functioning of the Medical Marijuana health care delivery system which currently is being criminally obstructed by all levels of State Law Enforcement, it behooves the Legislature to immediately provide a Constitutional and Legal Marijuana Delivery System in compliance with current Federal policy of no law enforcement directed against medical marijuana and no law enforcement directed against one ounce or less of recreational marijuana.

By executive order marijuana is not Schedule I, so pray tell, what Schedule is it if it wasn't rescheduled? I think you need a special session! Legalize and the current GET tax will bring in over \$200 million dollars for the General Fund.

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#### <u>SR42</u>

Submitted on: 4/7/2013 Testimony for JDL on Apr 10, 2013 10:00AM in Conference Room 016

Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Reverend Ralph D. Palm, Jr.	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Committee, Please accept my sincere written testimony regarding the above mentioned measures addressing the unwarranted and extended incarceration/detainment of the right Reverend Roger Christie. For the record, I am in complete and full support of both of these measures. I have been an ordained minister with The Hawai'i Cannabis THC Ministry since 2004 and have found Rev. Roger Christie to be a kind and gentle man, always willing to reach out in the aid of those who are in need. His level of sincerity and transparency have not wavered one bit in the 9 years that I have known him and dealt closely with him. He has gained my respect through his consistent compassion and understanding in all matters of humanity. This man represents, to me, a novel citizen and to see him locked up like an animal based on his religious affiliation completely breaks my heart, for Roger, and for the future of justice in our great nation. The assertion, by anyone, that Rev. Roger Christie represents some sort of ill-perceived danger to any community is utterly preposterous and serves absolutely no purpose in the name of justice. It is for these very significant reasons that I ask you graciously to grant whatever considerations and investigations may facilitate the release and fair treatment of this pillar of the community, the right Reverend Roger Christie, of Hilo, Hawai'i. Thank you for your time. sincerely, Reverend Ralph Douglas Palm, Jr. THC Ministry of PA 2207 River Road Reading, PA 19605 phone: 610.939.0709

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#### SR42

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Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	Present at Hearing
Dan Healy	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Man made booze, God made marijuana, who do you trust?

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Submitted on: 4/9/2013

Testimony for JDL on Apr 10, 2013 10:00AM in Conference Room 016

Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Linda S Finneman	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: It plainly states that the defendant is not a violent man, nor has he had a speedy trial. Please release him pending court action; thank you.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
shaun Williams	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Glad to see Hawaii is spending money wisely. FREE THAT MAN! He's how old? If he's been in since 2009 that's almost time served anyway! lets think, room and board.....health expenses, is it really worth it? Another state of shame! YAY AMERICA!

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Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	Present at Hearing
William Harris	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Roger Christie has been denied bail because the government claims him to be a danger to the community. He cannot be said to be a danger to the community if he has never harmed any member of that community. Why would he start now? Let the government produce a victim before they cast aspersions.

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Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jennifer Sams	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please pass this measure... this man is a veteran, has no criminal record, and the prosecution is not just basing their case on facts and evidence... the prosecutor's office is prejudiced against Mr. Christie for his views. This is America... that's not right.

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Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	Present at Hearing
otie	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I feel it is unjust that this man is being detained for a plant, that in many states is medicine and others recreationally legal to adults. I also feel it is unjust that this man has been in jail for 3 years with no bail. Something is not right here.

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Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier</b> Position	Present at Hearing	
Gary Turner	Individual	Comments Only	No	

Comments: Please correct the injustice of incarceration without trial and release Roger Cristie. He is no threat to society.

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#### Regarding SR42 SD1 and SR75 SD1

Release of Roger Christie

# To Whom It May Concern,

I have to backtrack a few years to when a friend mentioned that Reverend Roger Christie had been arrested. I live on the island of Kauai and had just gotten back from visiting Roger on the big island a few weeks before. At first, I thought she was joking, Roger arrested? Okay, on ganja charges? Okay, didn't he have his paperwork in order? Wasn't he helping out the community and recognized as such? This was all too confusing for a somewhat intelligent man who was impressed with how much was being achieved by Roger and the Cannabis Ministry.

Granted, I grew up part of the time in the Nederlands. Ganja is a non-issue there and they recognize how beneficial it can be if education, not judgment and persecution, is utilized. The results are amazing when people learn the truth about something and go beyond the propaganda that we are bombarded with since birth. But I digress.

Roger is the epitome of a peaceful being. Looking into his eyes you see a man who is content in his convictions because he knows he has done no harm to another individual. Indeed, from all but the most radical perspectives, he is seen as a person who is helping out his fellow man/woman to the best of his ability and doing his work to better peoplekind.

Although I am shocked and feel it is a tragedy that Roger could be treated as such and imprisoned in the first place; I urge you to allow him the freedom from our version of a "correctional facility." I will not sidetrack on the subject of the inhumanity and absurdity of our system of control & punishment nor what it does to mankind preventing us from expression of our true-selves. At least, I will go no further than mentioning those facts.

Mahalo for your time,

Reverend Zander Phelps 808-639-7333

zander@hackido.org

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Cc:	gfedan@yahoo.com
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Attachments:	Roger Christie.doc

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Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
grigor fedan	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: This is a crass example of bureaucratic overreach. Fixthis situation right away!

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#### ROGER CHRISTIE'S INCARCERATION

I WILL KEEP MY COMMENTS BRIEF BUT HAVE TO ACKNOWLEDGE A MAHALO TO THE 2 SENATORS WHO HAVE THE INTEGRITY AND COURAGE TO BRING THIS INJUSTICE TO THE FOREFRONT. THE ACCUSATION THAT ROGER CHRISTIE IS A THREAT TO THE COMMUNITY IS ALMOST AS ABSURD AS THE RELEASING OF COUTLESS CRIMINALS RANGING FROM PEDOPHILES, METH TRAFFICKERS, AND CITIZENS ACCUSED OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESLUTING IN DEATH. BUT THE LIST GOES ON. THE ONLY THREAT TO THE COMMUNITY IS THE GOVERNMENTS FAILED ATTEMPT TO HONOR HIS CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS AND TO EXTEND A LOGICAL COMPROMISE TO HIS BAIL REQUEST. GRANT HIM BAIL...THE GOVERNMENT HAS ONCE AGAIN SHOWED ITS ARROGANCE AND DEFIANCE TO THE WAR ON DRUGS AND WOULD RATHER FOCUS ON ONE PERSON'S ATTEMPT TO EXERCISE HIS INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM RATHER THEN GIVE HIM HIS DAY IN COURT. THIS IS NOT DEMOCRACY BUT A FASCIST ATTEMPT TO HOLD CITIZENS HOSTAGE FOR AN ILL ADVISED WAR ON DRUGS.

ARE WE LIVING IN CUBA, IRAQ, IRAN, OR IS THIS AMERICA?

STEVEN MARKHAM

**4 ALAE STREET** 

HILO, HAWAII 96720

From: Sent: To:	mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov Monday, April 08, 2013 8:10 AM
Cc: Subject:	JDLTestimony kanakaukoa@gmail.com Submitted testimony for SR42 on Apr 10, 2013 10:00AM

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Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier</b> Position	Present at Hearing	
John Lyle	Individual	Comments Only		

Comments: I very much support SR 42 and urge you to do the same. Thank you very much. John

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Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Wendy Westlake	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: please recognize that this is wrongful under both the law and non-ethical. keep Hawaii diversified.

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Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier</b> Position	<b>Present at Hearing</b>	
Randal McEndree	Individual	Support	No	

Comments: Mr. Christie's incarceration without bail is distorting the legal system for all of us-including those who arrested him. Please stop this distortion of the law and allow Mr. Christie to get bail and prepare for his lawsuit. The excuse that he is a "danger to the community" does not make sense and it does not justify keeping an American citizen in jail for three years. Thank you

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Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier</b> Position	Present at Hearing
Mary Ellsworth	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please release Roger Christie pending bail. This good and gentle man has been incarcerated far too long. I am formerly from Hilo, and have known him for 8 years. He was never a danger to society as so many other violent criminals. The war against cannabis in Hawaii is a farce, and Roger Christie is a pawn in the federal game.

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From: Sent: To: Subject: lynnbybay@aol.com Tuesday, April 09, 2013 8:43 AM JDLTestimony SR 42 and SCR 75

Chair Senator Hee, Vice Chair Senator Shimabukuro, Senator Gabbard, Senator Ihara Jr, and Senator Slom,

Please support SR 42 and SCR 75 URGING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO RELEASE ROGER CHRISTIE ON BAIL PENDING TRIAL.

To have a citizen held for two and one-half years without bail and denied a speedy trial is unconscionable.

The phrase in one testimony:.... "The government's denial of bail, however, threatens the freedom of every citizen and the basic rights enshrined in the U.S"....rings true.

Such treatment of a citizen is reminiscent of the dark times of human abuse.

Please support SR 42 and SCR 75.

Mahalo, L. Hamilton

#### SR42 SD1 Relating to Constitutional Rights to Bail URGING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO RELEASE ROGER CHRISTIE ON BAIL PENDING TRIAL.

April 9, 2013

Aloha e Hawaii State Legislator:

I am Frances Stapleton, a resident of Pahoa and an active citizen of the state of Hawaii since 1970. I am in strong support of approving the release on bail of an American citizen incarcerated for nearly 3 years for a non-violent crime, an action in direction violation of the U.S. Constitution.

I personally feel Roger Christie was downright stupid in his actions but even stupidity is supported by the U.S. Constitution when it is not treason or any other capital crime. I am no lawyer but it seems to me that Amendments V, VI, VII and VIII are being violated by the federal authorities in their handling and lengthy pretrial detention of Mr. Christie.

As a reminder to our honorable legislators, this bill is about the constitutional rights of a citizen of Hawaii, not about the use or sale of marijuana. The precedent in this case is increasingly scary as the federal government, including the Office of the Attorney General of the United States, assaults basic rights in the U.S. Constitution, rights you and I were taught to believe are basic tenets of Americans' constitutional rights: that of protection from self-incrimination; protection from deprivation of life, liberty or property without due process; the right to a speedy and public trial, by jury if requested; and denied use of excessive bail and cruel or unusual punishment.

Thank you for your consideration and passage of this bill.

Sincerely,

Frances K. (Frankie) Stapleton PO Box 2094, Pahoa HI 96778

From:	mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent:	Tuesday, April 09, 2013 11:02 AM
То:	JDLTestimony
Cc:	todd_lavigne@yahoo.com
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Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	Present at Hearing
todd lavigne	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: please release Roger Christie on bail pending trial. There is no reason to hold him, he is not violent, a flight risk, or apt to break any law. He has a wife and condo in Hilo, simply take his passport, which im sure he would be willing to surrender.. He has sat on that tarmac long enough, and if i were governor, he'w be released.. todd lavigne

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Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	Present at Hearing
Aileen Wilkie	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Honorable Committee Members, The 8th Amendment to the Bill of Rights says: "Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted." Please do the right thing and honor our laws and rights. Respectfully, Aileen Wilkie

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Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	Present at Hearing
John Schinnerer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Three years in jail without trial and without bail option for a nonviolent offense is completely unacceptable by any measure of justice.

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Aloha Senators,

My name is John-Derick Hanale Halualani. I am 29 years old and I support Roger Christie and our Constitutional Rights.

It is obvious that justice or "sound ruling" has not been served in this situation. Being that Roger is innocent until proven guilty, all we ask as supporters is for a fair trial. Over the past 3 years here in Hawaii we've seen cases where people who are more of a danger to the community have been released on bail to prepare for their trials.

It is mind boggling to see the way our judicial system has handled this case compared to other cases. This case has made a lot of people in the community question the integrity of our State leaders and our judicial system. The great thing is that we still have faith that the right decisions will be made to give Roger a fair chance at a fair trial where justice will be served. We look forward to a hearing where an honest "sound ruling" will take place and where our Constitutional Rights will be respected and properly applied to determine the necessary outcome.

We aren't asking for much as supporters. All we ask is to review the decisions made over these past 3+ years which has been conflicting with our Constitutional Rights and do what's right in this situation... that being to release Roger Christie on bail so he may have reasonable time prepare for his trial.

Thanks for your time and consideration!

Mahalo nui,

JD H Halualani

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Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	Present at Hearing
Ellen Levine	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Everyone has the right to bail!

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Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	Present at Hearing
Jennifer Ruggles	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please release Roger in compliance with the United States Constitution or resume in making a mockery of the Hawaii Judicial System.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dubble Kessler	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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#### **Roger Christie**

I have known Mr. Roger Christie for over a decade. He is an amazing man who deserves the same rights as anyone else in our country.

I had the pleasure of meeting Roger many years ago when I was in need of spiritual counsel. He was extremely helpful & provided excellent spiritual insight & advice. He has done so consistently to this day for myself & my family.

Mr. Christie & his ministry provide a very valuable community service. I am very disappointed that Federal authorities have chosen to squander our precious national resources on prosecuting this man of God. He is non-violent & certainly not a danger to his community. Bail should have never been denied.

Consider this my full recommendation for his release on bail immediately.

Thank you for your consideration,

Travis Andrade

951-216-8299

17599 Sunnyslope Ave.

Lake Elsinore, CA 92530

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Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier</b> Position	Present at Hearing
Todd Sligar	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I fully support this measure.

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Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
jackson meafledge	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This man is no more a danger to the community than any bartender or liquor store owner. That he should be released on is own recognance goes without saying.

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#### Testimony for Judicial Committee (2)

I am submitting this in support of SCR 75. The U.S. Attorney's office and Federal courts have made numerous erroneous assertions that they present as facts in the case of Reverend Roger Christie.

First: Hawai'i Island overwhelmingly passed a voter initiative in 2008 that classifies marijuana as the "lowest police priority." In regard to Rev. Christie's support of this initiative, the prosecution claimed he did so to acquire additional cannabis to sell. But his support could also be interpreted as "putting himself out of business," since the initiative would allow residents to grow their own cannabis.

Second: the prosecution claims that if Reverend Christie did not discontinue his marijuana distribution after being searched he would not be likely to discontinue doing so after being arrested and thus he should not be released on bail. Reverend Christie believed that since he was not arrested at that time, it was acceptable to continue his ministry. The prosecution mistakenly assumed that his actions after being arrested and imprisoned would be the same as after being raided. In fact, his ministry has been closed and he no longer rents the office spaces once used for his ministry.

Third: the court "finds that the delays in the trial date and the continuation and so forth are partly or largely attributed to change of defense counsel and other continuances that have benefited the defendant." Reverend Christie had no financial ability to hire his own attorney. His first attorney was in the public defender's office: after one year on the case he resigned. Reverend Christie's second attorney insisted that he plea bargain. This was not acceptable to Rev Christie, so another attorney was appointed. Recently, new charges were filed against Reverend Christie, which necessitated further delays in the trial. The court again misinterpreted the situation and declared that the long incarceration without trial is to Reverend Christie's benefit. We ask: "how can such a long imprisonment and inability to access internet and work on one's trial possibly benefit anyone?"

The majority of the public does not consider the use of cannabis a crime. Several states have now enacted legislation that legalizes this plant. But the federal agents arrested a long-time member of our community who has ministered to and helped many people. The federal agents who are carrying out this persecution refuse to accept Reverend Christie's good faith compliance and act as if distribution of cannabis is worse than high treason and violent crimes.

Please support Reverend Christie's right to bail pending trial.

Mary Marvin Porter Island Eyes Video Keaʻau, Hawaii 808-982-9100

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Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Sasha Karlik	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Roger Christie is ABSOLUTELY a PEACEFUL man and HE IS an asset to our community, to our nation and our entire planet. I have personally known Roger Christie since 1991. The efforts to keep Rev. Christie in prison, without bail and without a trial are simply against justice and against our constitution. Why has this man not been granted bail and given a fair and speedy trial? To treat a man of his caliber certainly appears to be politically motivated---if not orchestrated entirely from the higher levels of the government. Please do all that is within your power and do the right thing to correct this injustice--PLEASE URGE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO RELEASE ROGER CHRISTIE ON BAIL PENDING TRIAL. Mahalo, Sasha Karlik GREEN PARTY of CALIFORNIA, Coordinating Committee Member GREEN Party of Los Angeles County, Council Member

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Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier</b> Position	Present at Hearing
Vanessa Dorsey	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The courts unjust denial of bail appears to hold Christie's Cannabis Ministry as more of a danger than those who commit violent crimes and even murder, since these people have been granted bail.

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Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dawn Hurwitz	Individual	Support	No

Comments: ALOHA Senators of the Judiciary Committee, I STRONGLY SUPPORT you to PASS the Senate Relolution "urging the federal government to grant Roger Christie bail until trial", or better. It is a Constitutional Right to reasonable bail, and the due prices of law proving one is innocent until proven guilty. I have personally known Roger Christie for 23 years and have NEVER, at ANY time, EVER found him to be a negative, violent, uncompasionate or offending person. It is just the opposite. He is the most compasioante person I know, always willing to help, listen , and care for his fellow human. What is being done to him is inhumane and a travesty of the law. I trust the time is now for this horrendous oversite to be reconciled and dealt with in a way more commensurate to his supposed crime. Even muderers, rapists, and violent offenders get better than he has. Please Pass This Bill, Mahalo

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Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Cheri Sicard	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I urge the committee to fight for Roger Christie's right to be released pending trial. As an author who has written extensively about how government in these United States should work, I am outraged that this man has been held for so long without trial. This is America and the right to a fair and speedy trial and the right to confront one's accusers is fundamental to our constitution. When situations like what has happened to Mr. Christie are allowed to exist, it undermines the very foundations of our government. As a patriotic American, this scares me to no end. Please, do the right thing and support Mr. Christie and restore to him the rights that every American has under the Constitution. Sincerely, Cheri Sicard author, Everyday American (2008, Bookspan); US Citizenship for Dummies (2003, Wiley); The Great American Handbook: What You Can Do For Your Country Today and Every Day (2002 Berkley Books)

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Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	Present at Hearing	
Gerald Taber	Individual	Support	No	

Comments: Hello Senators of the Judiciary Committee, Aloha to thee. I STRONGLY SUPPORT you to PASS the Senate Resolution "urging the federal government to grant Roger Christie and myself the necessary bail until trial", or better. We give thanks in advance to God for the success of this unusual and necessary action to refresh our Constitutional Right to reasonable bail, and to restore confidence in the judicial system. This is so very important, and the time is now come to pass, to pass this resolution. Fraternally, Gerald L. Taber

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Glenn P. Ordell	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Roger is being unfairly jailed at the tax payers expense. This needs to stop.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brian Murphy	Individual	Support	
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Comments: Aloha We allow Bail for murders but not cannabis activist! WTF! Roger Christie, a friend of mine in Hawaii, was arrested in Hilo, Hawaii on July 8, 2009 for under two pounds of marijuana. He has no criminal history. He is a 63 year old honorably discharged military veteran. No weapons nor minors were involved. He has been held for a federal marijuana crime for almost three years without bail. The federal government says he is a danger to the community. This prosecution is based upon his activism and religious beliefs about marijuana.

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Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Keiko Bonk	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Hawaii State Legislators: Please support this resolution to release Roger Christie from prison. I have known Roger Christie for 20 years. I met him as the chair of the Hawaii County Council. Roger is a responsible community advocate who has been a spokesperson for many people throughout Hawaii for many decades. He has been an advocate for the decriminalization of marijuana. Roger believes that we need to reform our federal drug laws. The incarceration of Roger Christie without bail appears politically motivated. It is definitely unjust to hold a non-violent citizen for such a long period of time for a ridiculous charge. It is a violation of our basic human rights to be jailed for public policy advocacy. And this also seems to be a tactic to intimidate other advocates who are working to decriminalize marijuana. Thank you for your consideration. Aloha nui loa, Keiko Bonk

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# This is in support of SCR75 and SR42 "Urging the Federal Government to

# Release Roger Christie on Bail Pending Trial."

The treatment of Rev. Roger Christie these past three years is a black stain on the rule of law in this country. We all lose when an individual's right to a speedy trial is denied.

Roger Christie, a non-violent man who has been serving his community in opposition to our nation's misguided drug policies by providing medical marijuana to those in need should be released pending his long-delayed day in court. I personally know Roger Christie as a man of integrity and am outraged at his depiction as "danger to the community."

When any young American experiments with a prohibited substance and makes comparisons between the effects of legally-regulated alcohol and prohibited marijuana, he learns immediately that the laws against marijuana are based on lies and a loss of respect for the judicial system has been the result over the past half century.

When a man who knows the facts and understands that we should not continue to arrest and punish hundreds of thousands of our fellow citizens for possessing marijuana is arrested and denied bail and a speedy trial, you can expect a continued erosion of respect for our legal system.

It is absurd and ironic that at a time when 52 percent of our population believes that marijuana should be legalized and controlled in the same manner of alcohol, Rev. Christie is being denied his constitutional rights as if we are living in the Soviet Union of the 1950's.

One really has to question the motivation of a legal system that continues to waste billions of dollars a year on an utterly failed "war on drugs." Is it to support the existing drug cartels and a system of law enforcement that spin around as two sides of the same coin? It is inevitable that sane drug policy will win out eventually as more and more states realize that instead of incarcerating over 700,000 citizens per year for possession of small amounts of marijuana billions can be raised as tax revenues to satisfy the demand that will never disappear.

The only "danger" Roger Christie poses is that of pointing out the shear folly of those deluded in the community who want to continue the tragic failure, the wasted lives, and loss of respect for the law that the status quo of drug prohibition promotes.

Paul J. Buklarewicz P. O Box 854 Volcano HI 96785 Aloha,

Since Roger Christie has been apprehended and held without bail for not days, not months, but years now, it has made me question why as the days continue and "more time" is needed for the opposition to prepare for this complicated case. I have seen more criminals released that actually scare me as a citizen. Rapists, robbers, suspected murderers, drug (more dangerous than cannabis) dealers, child molesters, etc. have been allowed a chance to post bail soon after their incarceration, yet Roger Christie is still more dangerous to the community...I do not feel safe.

I, like many others who had never met Roger, had misled thoughts on who he was and what he did at his Ministry. Almost all of the negative comments I've ever heard about him came out of the mouths of a person who had never met him – judging him. I was lucky enough to be down on my luck and looking for any and every job I could find. I saw a job opportunity at Rogers Ministry, and thought, hey, I'd love to at least meet this guy and see what he's all about – give him a chance to get to know him rather than judge a stranger. I had no idea what I was getting myself involved in. Roger was one of the kindest, caring people I'd ever gotten the chance to meet, and again, lucky for me, he chose to take me on as a Spiritual Secretary at the THC Ministry.

I had never been a religious or spiritual person until I began working at the Ministry. It was the best job I've ever had. Maybe not the best pay, but more rewarding than anything else I'd ever been involved in. We were helping people. We gave food, shelter, money, time, ears to listen and a shoulder to cry on. We were doing good in the community. I can honestly say that I've been involved in turning people's lives around. I still see some of their faces around Hilo and smile to myself knowing how they would have slipped through the cracks if they hadn't met Roger Christie, and some are even more successful than me!

Roger Christie's rights are being toyed with. It is unacceptable that he isn't allowed a chance to post bail, yet so many other dangerous people (including police officers whose JOB is to serve and protect our communities) have been allowed this right. Why? Are cannabis users and supporters easier to target because they generally don't fight back? Are they easier and less dangerous to apprehend? The more time that passes, the more people are opening up their eyes and finding out their government doesn't work for them and does not support them and their safety. It is despicable that *police officers* caught with not cannabis, but more dangerous substances like meth, have gotten a more lenient ticket out.

I am writing in support of the release of Roger Christie. Dangerous is not a word that would come out of the mouth of anyone with their head on their shoulders properly who has met Roger. It isn't in his nature, and opposes all that he believes in. There was never any hidden agenda. There was and always will be only love. There are other dangerous drug operations occurring throughout the islands that need to be targeted. I urge law enforcement to start preparing their law enforcement officers to be brave and do what they were hired to do – protect us.

Etta Karth

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Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier</b> Position	<b>Present at Hearing</b>	
Dea rackey	Individual	Support	No	

Comments: Stop this abuse. Human rights are being violated. Stand for justice.

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Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Norma Jean Ream	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support SR42. I believe that every citizen should have the right to a speedy trial and to bail. Roger Christi is not a danger to our Community. He is a valuable citizen.

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Margaret Hazelwood	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The incarceration of Roger Christe without bail for over three years when rapists, murderers and banksters are given bail or not even charge is a viiolation of our constitutional rights as citizens of a supposedly free democracy. Roger is no danger to the community of Hilo, HI and is no flight risk. He has campaigned openly and non-vilently for his views and beliefs, I dare say that not one less joint has been smoked, not one less plant been grown nor one less ounce been sold in Hilo since Roger was incarcerated. His illegal and immoral punishment before conviction is the real crime here.

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ROBERT CULBERTSON	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Senators! Mr. Christie's persecutory incarceration without "due process" is a travesty and perversion of the rule of law and the constitution that governs these lands. Please help restore our 'righteous' social contract. Do the right thing for Hawaii and the the nation. Malama Pono!

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linden clark	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please let him out on bail... it is the right thing to do...

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Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier</b> Position	Present at Hearing
Katalin E Csikos-Gould	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have know Reverend Roger Christie for years. In 2008 I was suffering with severe knee pain due to the wearing down of cartilages from RA. I had to wait 1 year for my total knee replacements. While waiting, my husband recieved some injestable medicine from Rev. Christie and those medicines helped me out for my horrible pain. In July 07, 2010, Me and my husband got married at Kalapana's Black Sand Beach and Rev. Christie performd the ceremony. I've never knew such a kind hearted man like Rev. Christie. He is NO harm to the community and I highly recommend him to anyone in the future. A great man, with a beautiful personality. I am very happy and blessed to known him in person. One photo attached from the wedding ceremony...

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Matthew Simmons	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I urge you to release Roger Christie. A non violent drug charge does not warrant a veteran to be held without bail for years. If we treat our veterans like political prisoners we are accepting a culture that says rape and murder are on the same plain as marijuana. This is already spreading like wildfire making Hawaii look like a backwards, uneducated police state.

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Paul Stanford		Support	No

Comments: Please pass this resolution to urge the release of Roger Christie on bail pending his federal marijuana trial. I have known Roger since 1987 and he is a kind, peaceful man who is not a danger to anyone. It is evil that the federal government has held him almost three years for a minor marijuana crime. Thank you for your consideration.

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I have never smoked anything or drunk alcohol but Roger Christie's right to bail should be respected. Sincerely, Joseph Dalrymple April 9, 2013

Aloha,

In support of this bill I declare my experience living in the city of Hilo, Hawai'i with Roger Christie. As a neighbor, citizen, ally and friend his consistent and aloha filled contribution to constructive social integration is inspiring. I can think of no greater injustice than to deny this community of the resource and spirit Roger Christie share with it so abundantly. It is only just that our representative assembly accept as its Kuliana his defense in our name. Anything less shames us all.

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Stephen Paulmier Hilo 430 8866

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Robert Freitas Jr.	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Release Roger Christie!!!!

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Testimony in support of SCR 75 / SR 42

Aloha Honorable Senate,

I support releasing Roger Christie on bail. He is an important and recognized member of our community, and as a right available to any other citizen of the United States who is facing trial for alleged crimes, needs to be allowed to post bail- something he been denied 7 times.

The Federal Judge in his case has stated her reasons for denial of bail to be that since Roger Christie was served a warrant to only investigate his church activities, yet did not cease and desist THC Ministry activities on his own without any direct order to do so after the search was concluded, must be a danger to the community to the extent he can't be released. She says he is a danger to the community because he didn't just stop THC Ministy activites without actually being told to stop; he was never given a cease and desist order at the time of the search, or any time after that- or before that, for that matter. As a matter of fact, the community and local law enforcement already had accepted and allowed his church to function out in the open on Bayfront Hilo for many years. The last time I checked, the government doesn't have legal standing to give someone the hint and use it against them if they don't read the sign language. We don't live in a country like that, do we? Roger was taken out to breakfast by the Federal investigators and given paper work that said "The THC Ministry is arguably a legitimate Church...", yet this paperwork did not include any information that Roger should stop what he is doing. Roger just took them on the face value that they presented, in that they were "just investigating " his church, which seemed reasonable considering the current (inaccurate) Federal Classification of Cannabis.

I applaud the Senate and Thank all those that support human rights and adherence to the Bill of Rights for each and every citizen of the United States. And speaking of States I would also like to support the State's right to sue the Federal government for Misclassification of Cannabis, as the current schedule 1 requires that, for cannabis to fall in that schedule, it must not have any accepted medical use in treatment in the United States. Now as a matter of law, because 18 states including our own have said it does have medical treatment, they are acting on a regulation that in Plain Error and factually wrong. I applaud the Senate for beginning to stand up to the Federal overreach and ignorance of the state laws, and the basic rights guaranteed to every citizen of the United States. And I would also like to hammer the point that we (State and Federal governments) operate under a system of dual governments known as Federalism. Unless expressly stated in the law (such as the Civil Rights act), the States retain constitutional authority to look out for the rights of the individual , as well as the health and well-being of it's citizens at large. There is an easy way to stop federal overreach in regards to cannabis; just challenge the federal scheduling as a matter of state law already nullifying it as factually wrong. This state has standing; we will win. And it's your duty as state politicians to stick up for the people and the laws passed in this state, in light of federal overreach.

Thank you for taking a bold stand for one of our citizen's individual rights. I am truly grateful.

Thank you so much,

# Blake Watson

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Charles Cofer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Having known Roger Christie for over twenty years, I find it hard to believe that he is considered a danger to anyone, or anything, with the possible exception of the integrity of federal prosecutors who are unsure of whether or not they can successfully prosecute Mr. Christie for his helping those in pain. I strongly support the above referenced bill.

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Simon Mills	Individual	Support	No	

Comments: Roger Christie is, and has always been a good, peaceful, and honest man, and I fail to see how a man with no criminal record and a community Peacemaker Award could be considered a "danger" to his community. He at least deserves his fair day in court, thank you.

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paul mclaren	Individual	Support	No

Comments: the federal gov as it is now is run by foreign bankers , roger Christie is an AMERICAN hero fighting for religious freedom for us all .

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Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier</b> Position	Present at Hearing
Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Support	
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Comments: Aloha, Please support SR 42. It saddens me deeply, that Mr. Christie's incarceration has gone on so long without trial and is reminiscent of Guantanamo, or a secret prison in Poland. I am ashamed for my State and my country that Mr. Christie has lost his right to a speedy trial - guaranteed to him as a citizen. This situation has gone on long enough, it's simply unAmerican and against the ideals of any sane person. And also wastes money to detain him. Please support this Reso for Roger Christie and revive the faith of the rule of law and our democracy. Disappointed more legislators didn't help sponsor this. Mahalo.

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Submitted on: 4/9/2013 Testimony for JDL on Apr 10, 2013 10:00AM in Conference Room 016

Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier</b> Position	Present at Hearing
Robert Roberts	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the right to a speedy trial. I support the notion of "not guilty" until proven otherwise. I support freedom of religion. I support the right to determine your own conscience.

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Star Newland	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha esteemed Senators. I'm writing in support of this resolution to free Roger Christie on bail until his trial. I find it totally ironic that "Judge" Leslie Kobayashi has the nerve to announce the imminent release to a half way house, a former U.S. Pacific Command contractor, Mr. Bishop, who has been charged with one count of communicating defense information to a person not entitled to receive it, and one count of unlawfully retaining defense documents and plans." But she alleges that Roger Christie, wrongfully held with zero bail, zero visitors and zero fresh air for 3 years is a danger to society. We see that this "Judge" is the same one who would extend all kinds of ease so Mr. Bishop could have his partial freedom.In an outline of her ruling, she said conditions imposed on Bishop could include "restrictions on communication and physically leaving the premises, as well as third-party custodianship and other conditions to be determined." Wow. If this is acceptable for a person considered and charged with being a threat to our country's security how is it Roger is still sitting in jail? Where is the justice in this "Judge" Kobayashi, who has by her actions violated her sworn oath to uphold the American Constitution? Mahalo Senators for this resolution and your willingness to back your words with action to secure Roger Christie's constitutional rights along with all of ours. In the Spirit of Aloha, Star Newland

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Scott Grantham	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have known Roger for a number of years. I have never been associated with a kinder, more patient man. Roger is in no way a danger to the community. His care and concern for people, his love of life, his positive outlook and the example of loving patience he has taught me and others makes him a valuable community asset. Sincerely, Scott Grantham

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April Lee	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is enough that crimes can be committed by the property, as it is in forfeiture laws...an evil double-speak that has been legal robbery for far too long (especially when no conviction occurs in 78% of the cases). Another travesty is that folks who smoke what American Indians pass in their Peace Enclaves and the fact that you don't hear that a pot-head committed a violent crime should make us scream to not use the government's limited funds to prosecute and incarcerate this level of people's poor choices or their religious ones. Let this man have his delusions, if that's what you call it, but the Guy Ballard vs. US Government proved that an individual can describe God and their religion any way they want and it is their right under the law. Stop spending money, our money, on these cases. If they broke into your home, it would probably be because they thought they were in their own and the worst they'd do is raid your refrigerator. Care on the roadways like the laws regarding alcohol would be a safe move & doing the public official's job in regards to pot...realistically protecting the public.

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Mary Lacques	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Sara Steiner	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Legislators, Please vote for SR42, my friend Roger Christie, who I have known for 25 years, does not deserve to be imprisoned without bail for a non-violent victimless crime. I know you will think of the Constitution and the rights it represents for you and your family and loved ones, just as I am writing to plead for my friend and loved one, Roger Christie. Sincerely, Sara Steiner P.O. Box 1965 Pahoa, HI 96778

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	Kyle Cox	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The constitution is very clear on this issue. I believe what the Federal Government and the courts are wrong on this issue. They swore to uphold our nations most prized and valuable freedoms written in the constitution and the Bill of Rights. The judges on this case don't seem to care about this man's rights and it's sad. They appear to be treating him worse than thug gangsters who kill people this man is so peaceful it's unreal. I support this bill and every effort the state is doing that supports the freedom and rights that we all should have until due process states otherwise. There isn't much more I can say that has not already been said aka other more dangerous criminals have been released on bail than a Reverend. Honestly, I think these judges should go to jail for perjury against the USA for not upholding the constitution (like that's going to happen) but still just expressing my opinion. God Bless and I'm following this case all the way. People need to know. "And it is no less true, that personal security and private property rest entirely upon the wisdom, the stability, and the integrity of the courts of justice." Joseph Story, Commentaries on the Constitution, 1833

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Ann Kobsa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It's criminal what's been done to Mr. Christie. Please give him bail and a trial and let him get on with his life.

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Sandra Bonk	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Legislators, I belive we all have the right to bail and a speedy trial. I know Roger and he is a fine person, level, calm, and no one to attack others. I have seen scary persons who have committed heinous crimes, released on bail. People who drive drunk and kill others on the road, one I knew of, released up to fourteen times. People who are really unstable are given bail. Roger derserves his day in court and then that will decide his guilt or innocence. Please grant Roger Christie bail. Otherwise where are we as a society? I am a teacher and I want us to play fair as I do with my students.Let Roger have bail, please. Thank you. Sandra Bonk

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Gary Sanchez	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The continual denial of bail to Roger Christie is clearly wrong. This case is about Federal interpretation of the cannabis debate. And it is about Federal intervention in an issue better resolved on the State and local level. As a citizen that represents a side of the debate unpopular with Washington, Roger Christie is denied his rights! Urge the Federal Court to grant him bail.

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Yeshuah Kauhane	Individual	Support	No

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Leslie Wingate	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Let him out on bail. He is not dangerous

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Julie Pasquale	Individual	Support	No

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Stephanie Whitehorse	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Aloha, Please allow fair treatment and bail for Reverend Roger Christie! He is no threat and one of the most gentle beings that I have ever met. Mahalo plenty, Stephanie Whitehorse

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sharon willeford	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Free the man!

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Lauryn Galindo	Individual	Support	No

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Georgia Pinsky	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Please PASS this SB 42 to FORCE the Courts to follow their own rules. It's almost like this bill is distracting from the real problem here. Please educate yourself on the reality of Marijuana, for it is not as it was taught by "the Reagan era." SB 42 is a great step in the right direction, as the State of Hawaii seeks RESOLUTION for this crime of holding someone behind bars for YEARS with no trial and no bail. PLEASE PASS SB 42.

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Monday, April 8, 2013

Supporting Testimony

Please, please pass SR 42 so that Roger Christie will have right to bail before trial.

The courts unjust denial of bail appears to hold Christie's Cannabis Ministry as more of a danger than those who commit violent crimes and even murder, since these people have gotten bail. Does this make sense?

Ceryse Livermore Big Island, Hawaii Chricket02@hotmail.com

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Elaine D.	Individual	Support	No

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I	sherrian witt	Individual	Support	No

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Ann Rickard	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Roger Christie is a fine man, is of no danger to society and should be accorded the rights to bail as every other citizen awaiting trial.

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Ann Strong	Individual	Support	No

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Don M Butler	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Let us Keep America the United States of America. Rights to all, including Roger Christie

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Jim Good	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: It is hard for me and many others to see any justice in the treatment of Roger Christie in denying him neither a speedy trial nor bail pending a trial. We ask that you, as Hawaii's legislators, press the Federal Government to do the right and just thing.

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Lee Eisenstein	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Roger Christie's incarceration is an outrage and is cruel, childish and petty. Let him go, while he awaits trial for something that should not be considered a crime, because he has harmed no one and is respected and admired by many Big Island residents. I am glad that the mainstream, national press is reporting on this outrage. Aloha.

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Dr. Keola G.A. Downing, Ph.D.	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Rev. Roger Christie is a wonderful servant of the Lord. In his ministry he uses cannabis as a sacrament. He obtained permission many years ago and was very helpful to his flock as they did not always understand the law. Although the laws may have changed, his intent was very worship centered and he should be allow to post Bail so that he can work with his lawyers to find a solution to his problem. It is no less than the illegal detention of some people who are also innocent at the Guantanamo Bay facility where there are people who's identities are mistaken and who have done nothing wrong. I cannot speak of their case except to use it as an example of what the federal government has done to Rev. Christie right here in Hawai'i. Please pass the SR42 & SCR75 and end the more than three years of detention without trial or bail. This is not right and is a terrible shame for those who support the constitution of the United States of America. Rev. Christie is a good man who has done nothing wrong, and should be able to obtain legal advise, raise money for his defense and enjoy the same liberties that were set up by the founding fathers. Mahalo, Dr. Keola G.A. Downing, Ph.D.

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Caki Kennedy	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I find it utterly obscene that Roger Christie has been held this long without bail, treated like a dangerous criminal. this is a waste of taxpayer money. It is SHAMEFUL!

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Susan Douglas	Individual	Support	No

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Sahara Lawrence	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Roger Christie is no threat to our community & never has been. Let him out on bail. This isn't a police state. He deserves fair treatment!

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Linda Hotton	Individual	Support	No	

Comments: Please release Mr. Christie on bail. He is not a danger to anyone and his being held without bail, without contact with his wife, without contact with the press, without being able to go outdoors for three years, definitely seems both cruel and unusual. His health is suffering as a result of this. Thank you.

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Kathleen Boyd	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please see that Roger gets a fair shake. His incarceration without bail is unconscionable.

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Gemma Grott	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support Roger Christie to be released on Bail pending trial!

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Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	Present at Hearing
Gary Zamber	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a measure to support due process of law and the right to a speedy trial as guaranteed by the United States Constitution and the Hawaii Constitution as well as the right to a reasonable bail, please vote for this act. Thank you.

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Vicki Vierra	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is an outrage, and a blatant violation of his constitutional rights. Sometimes I wonder if we are living in a Communist country now, as I watch agents of our Federal Government make a mockery of our Constitution. Who, exactly, are they representing, I wonder? Roger Christie poses no threat to anyone. He lived peacefully on the Big Island for decades, advocating for the legalization of cannabis, one of the oldest and safest medicines used by mankind for millenniums. I believe he is a political prisoner, and he should be released on bail immediately, and granted a speedy trial. The majority of people not just in Hawaii, but nationwide, are now in support of legalization, and the government employees at every level, whose salaries we pay, must do the will of the people, and uphold the Constitution.

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Scott Middlekauff	Individual	Support	No

Comments: If this man is confined without bail and without trial for such a long period, isn't this unconstitutional? Am I mistaken?

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Daryl Scott	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Pure insanity that Roger hasn't been offered bail. I've known him for years & he's the least dangerous person I know. Just remember the US Justice System gives everyone in the US the right to be innocent until proven guilty. This is ridiculous he's been imprisoned for more than a day much less than 3 years. He isn't a flight risk I know for sure. He loves Hawaii & everyone here. I've been here for more than 21 years and have never seen such a blatant abuse of the Justice System by those who we trust to keep it a fair and equitable system for all citizens in the United States of America. Hawaii is the 50th State and afforded all the same rights as the rest of the US so stop this blatant abuse of justice now! Just put yourself in his shoes for a minute, how would you feel if you had to endure the same as he has. I hope he doesn't sue the State or the Feds, but he sure has a case for unlawful imprisonment. I didn't know Guantanamo Bay was in Oahu.....

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Tomas Belsky	Individual	Support	No

Comments: April 8, 2013 Aloha: It is time for Hawai'l to declare itself in defense of the Constitutional Rights of citizen Roger Christie who has been held for three years by Federal authorities in a Honolulu prison. This is far more than a test of the legality of the use of cannabis, (which 52% of Americans now believe should be decriminalized), it is a challenge to the roll of central government (WashingtonDC) to run amok over Citizens' and States' rights in the areas of religious freedom, the right to a fair trial in a time frame of deliberate speed, and to be free on reasonable bail while seeking to defend one's self. All these Constitutional guarantees have been denied citizen Christie, rendering US citizenship a nasty, debilitating blow in the court of world opinion. Hawai'i, as a State of this federated Republic, has a right, indeed a responsibility, to show the US Government the error of its ways by defending our citizens and thereby giving muscle to the lofty ideals so many good Americans, among those of other nations, have sacrificed to advance the noble cause of "Liberty and Justice for All." E Makekame Kakou I ka PONO, Tomas Belsky Hilo 935-7981

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VERNE VARONA	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the release of Roger Christie on bail, as he presents no threat to the people and I know his character to be outstanding and one trustworthy. It is a judicial travesty that he has been held for three years without bail for this offense.

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Daniel Lindsay	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Denying Roger Christie bail is a travesty of justice. Denial of bail is intended to protect the community from dangerously violent people, and to guarantee appearance of the accused at trial. Neither of those conditions applies to Mr. Christie. Roger Christie is one of the least violent people I have ever known. The idea that the community needs protection from this man is simply ludicrous. The Federal judge who insists the community needs protection from him is seriously out of touch with reality. Mr. Christie has repeatedly pledged not to engage in marijuana distribution while his case is pending, and if he were to violate this promise it would be very easy to return him to custody. Mr. Christie's home is on Hawai'i Island. He is not going to flee the jurisdiction. He has repeatedly said that he is looking forward to his day in court, to assert his rights under the First Amendment of the U. S. Constitution. Roger Christie should be released on bail. There is simply no valid reason to deny this plea.

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Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	Present at Hearing
Megan Isaac-Magdalene	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Senators, I am a resident of Hawaii Island in Hilo. I am not a US Citizen but I have long admired the traditions of justice in the USA and the Constitutional rights written for the benefit of all citizens of the United States of America. This document was designed to protect ordinary citizens against a tyrannical government. The fact that Mr. Roger Christie would be held without trial for so long is outrageous and highly irregular. The longer he is kept incarcerated in flagrant violation of his rights as a citizen and according to US Law, the weaker the moral case against him becomes. Clearly the reason for his prolonged incarceration is not because he is a violent person or poses a threat of violence or even further crime. He is considered 'dangerous' because of his faith in himself and his beliefs. There is certainly a mark of shame for the whole of the State of Hawaii and all of us who live here that Mr. Christie has been detained for so long. It is testimony to Mr. Roger Christie's own character that he has not succumbed to pressures and measures to intimidate him but stands firm to his right to a fair trial for the crimes of which he is accused. Mahalo to Senators Ruderman and Espero for their visit to Roger Christie in prison last week and to all the Senators who support Roger's release until his trial. Please support this measure.

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Testimony in Support of SR42

We cannot hold a person in prison because we do not know how to charge him. We are denying Roger Christie his constitutional rights and we will <u>all</u> suffer the consequences. This is not about marijuana. Vote to free him immediately or let him post bail.

Kelly Greenwell PO Box 1779 Kailua Kona, HI 96745

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Walter Koenig	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha- It is my feeling that Roger Cristie deserves to be released and charges dropped, let alone released on bail. Roger is a political prisoner who has been denyed trial for three yrs, and held at tax payers expense. I know people personally who recovered from cancer with assistance from Roger and medical pot. Depriving people of medicine is inhumane, depriving a un-convicted prisoner of sunlight is inhumane. Roger Cristie has shown not only to be safe to the community, but strives to help those in need of medicine that heals thier ailments. Please allow his release to heal from the harsh prison environment that hes suffered from.

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Henry Horton	Individual	Support	No

Comments: "In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial..." U.S. constitution 6th amendment. Holding Rev. Christie all this time under conditions designed to impact his mental and physical health is tantamount to cruel and unusual punishment and this before a trial. Shame on us all if he is not released, the man is no danger to any one. What's the REAL agenda here?

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Pete Horst	Individual	Support	No

Comments: "Whose property is my body? Probably mine. I so regard it. If I experiment with it who must be answerable. I not the state". Mark Twain. Regarding Roger Christie. The rules of engagement were laid out at the establishment of our republic. The right to a fair and speedy trial by a jury of peers. This is not happening. If you wish to be regarded with respect as leaders of the republic you must abide by the founding tenets. Please do so.

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Bethany Cordova	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Rev Roger Christie has been denied his basic human rights for three years. I'd consider this cruel and unusual punishment being held so long without a trail.

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## Graham Ellis, RR2 Box 4524, Pahoa, Hi 96778

Dear Hawai'i State Senate Judiciary Committee members

I STRONGLY SUPPORT S.C.R. No. 75 and S.R. No. 42 "urging the federal government to release Roger Christie pending trial".

The wrongful denial of reasonable bail for Mr Christie has kept him incarcerated in federal prison for over 33 months now, falsely labeling him a "danger to the community".

The 8th Amendment to the Bill of Rights says: "Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted."

I believe that the Constitutional Rights of Mr Christie have been abused by multiple federal Judges, by the federal appeals Court, and by the federal prosecutor.

Mr Christie has a clean criminal record. This is a first-time marijuana case with zero victims in a state with legal medical marijuana, and in the only county in the nation with specific rules for the police for religious use of marijuana.

Just one month ago Judge Kobayashi refused to dismiss Mr Christie's charges by supporting the false idea that marijuana has "no recognized medical use in the U.S.A."

So far courts have not allowed Mr Chrisite to tell them that he has a legitimate license from the State of Hawai'i specifically to marry people with "Cannabis sacrament".

Gov. Abercrombie wrote to the Administrator of the D.E.A. on Feb. 10, 2012 and told her that Hawai'i medical marijuana patients need a "secure and consistent source of the drug to supply legitimate patients". The Governor also wrote that "it is clear that the longstanding classification of medical use of Cannabis in the United States as an illegal Schedule 1 substance is fundamentally wrong and should be changed."

I have known Mr Christie for over 20 years, he is one of the most peaceful people I have ever known. In no way is he a danger to our community. It is a travesty of justice to refuse bail to Mr Christie while granting it to rapists, woman beaters and murderers.

Please give your full support to S.C.R. No. 75 and S.R. No 42.

Mahalo,

Graham Ellis

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tawni boutin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: No one should be in jail over a plant that God gave us to use for all sorts of things. Keeping someone in jail this long without bail or trial in not American! Free this man and give him the same rights as the constitution states!

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Virginia White	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Roger Christie is no threat to our community and needs to be released on bail. He is not a flight risk as his actions have always been to increase awareness and to take a stand against the unjust prohibition of marijuana. Continuing to hold him without bail is uncalled for and a violation of his rights.

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Daniel Komins	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please release Rodger immediatly. He is a great person and many of us in California are disappointed that he is being held excessively without bail. I urge you to uphold his constitutional rights and please support SR 42. Thank you

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Wolf D. Braun Ir	ndividual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support this resolution, asking the Federal Government to release Roger Christie on bail. This gentle man of peace has been held for nearly three years and has been denied bail eight times on the claim that he is a danger to the community. Accused murderers and rapists are given bail on a regular basis. How can Mr. Christie be more of a danger than murderers and rapists? Thank You Wolf D. Braun

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Phil Barnes	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I would urge all committee members to please support this resolution. Roger Cristie has remained in Jail without bail for far too long a time. Violent offenders are routinely released in a far shorter time period. Let us all try to get some justice in the Federal Court system. Thank you for your consideration.

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William T Landreth	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Roger was a friend who fit right into Hilo. Once I went to him and had run out of money and he asked if I needed any marijuana. I told. Ht (it grows "wild" everywhere, though you may end up dead harvesting). Your text entry DOES NOT WORK I'M SURE YOU noticed. Roger gave me money to go to the movies. you are crazy thinking you will pass as "federal police" no you will die trying and go to hellwll Hawaii. Good luck you are out if

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Charles Gallagher	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Recall habeas corpus. He us being penalized without bail or trial.

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Rodney Evans	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Cannabis or its more adulterated name Marijuana has been used in both medicine and religion for thousands of years. Buddhism prominently displays cannabis leaves as part of their religious practices. Kaneh Bosm was an essential ingredient in anointing oils in the religions of Abraham which includes Christianity found in the old testament before the Greek translations. In the United States it was commonly used in medicine from 1850 to 1940 and the medical community objected to it being made illegal under a different name (marijuana) after it had already happened. This homeopathic medicine is the last refuge of the poor to grow their own medicine and treat themselves when they can no longer afford today's western medical treatment. Do right by your constituents and allow them to practice homeopathic cures without going deep into debt to western medical practices.

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cynthia linet,Esq	Individual	Support	No

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I am an attorney, licensed to practice law in Hawaii, and a staunch defender of the constitution of the US and I find it thoroughly unconscionable that Roger Christie, a man who has done so such good in our community, should be in jail for almost 3 years, without being prosecuted.

I now live in a state where the recreational use of marijuana is legal and do not understand how Hawaii can justify such a long incarceration for a spiritual man like Christie.

While I have heard that he is considered a menace, the real menace here is the criminal justice system that finds it beneficial to their continued prosecution of marijuana users to continue their brazen violations of our rights as citizens.

I am not alone when I demand that Mr. Christie be released immediately on his own recognizance.

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Jeff Brown	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I had the pleasure of meeting Roger Christie at a meeting of Cannabis Churches in Northern California in 2005. I joined a Jamaican Rasta church when I was 20. I am now 58. Rastas believe marijuana is the biblical tree of life for the healing of the nations. In fact marijuana is the most useful plant on the planet. Food, clothing, shelter, medicine, insight etc. I wrote Marijuana and the Bible. Google Marijuana and the Bible by Jeff Brown I can also send an e-mail copy to anyone interested. The crime is in making this plant illegal in the first place. sincerely Jeff Brown jab@lcia.com

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Dr. Jeri Rose	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Rev. Roger Christie is an honorable man. If the court asks him to refrain from returning to his previous actions at his ministry and he agrees, I know that he will do what he agrees to. Thus he presents no danger of doing what the court objects to because he is true to his word.

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Debbie Hecht	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please release Roger Christie! He is a peaceful person and no danger to the community. He should NOT be denied his human and legal rights to a fair and speedy trial.

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# <u>SR42</u>

Submitted on: 4/8/2013

Testimony for JDL on Apr 10, 2013 10:00AM in Conference Room 016

Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Josephine Keliipio	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Roger Christie has a right to DUE PROCESS and the federal judge has no business preventing him from having a trial. Please do whatever you can to expedite the passing of this resolution. Mahalo.

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Submitted on: 4/7/2013

Testimony for JDL on Apr 10, 2013 10:00AM in Conference Room 016

Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier</b> Position	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Marjorie Erway	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This is the USA and no one should be held in jail for 3 years without bail or a trial. Please support this reso and tell the Feds to do what is proper for all citizens. Mahalo!

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Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	Present at Hearing
Uncle Bully Makaalauli	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Roger is our dear friend and we miss him. He should be home now with those who love him.

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Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Louise Butler	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	Present at Hearing
Cory Harden	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please free Roger. He is an agent of change, not a danger to the community.

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Larson Noa	Individual	Support	No

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liensa nguyen	Individual	Support	No

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Mondiau Simmons	Individual	Support	No

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missy kouma	Individual	Support	No

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michael hawthorne	Individual	Support	No

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bill liverman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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briggs kauua	Individual	Support	No

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bich phuong	Individual	Support	No

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Suy Nathan	Individual	Support	No

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sue phalen	Individual	Support	No	

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Tia Kent	Individual	Support	No	

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Tatiana Rocks	Individual	Support	No

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tj simms	Organization Individual	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing

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penny silva	Individual	Support	No

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Dwayne Tarletz	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Roger Christie deserves bail and trail like every other citizen of the US. Give him his civil

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Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>	
Guy Monahan	Individual	Support	No	

Comments: This case is most assuredly an abuse of power on the part of the Federal Government and a denial of Mr. Christie's Constitutional rights to due process and equal treatment under the law. Allowing the Federal Government to ignore his rights and over-reach into Hawaii State jurisdiction will certainly set precedence for further intrusion into individual and state empowerment. Further, there is no evidence that Mr. Christie is a danger or threat to our communities here in Hawaii. There is a much greater threat to our communities from the arbitrary application of law by public officials. Leave him alone and release him from imprisonment.

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Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier</b> Position	Present at Hearing	
Rick	Individual	Support	No	

Comments: Dear Sir of madame, I STRONGLY SUPPORT S.C.R. No. 75 / S.R. 42 "urging the federal government to release Roger Christie pending trial".Please consider carefully, Sincerely Rick Kiyak-Boughton Capt. Cook Hawaii

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Shawn James Leavey	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>	
Roy Lozano	Individual	Support	No	

Comments: Please let this man be free pending trial and his agreeing to not resume the activities that got him in this situation.

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#### Hawaii State Senate Regular Session of 2013

# Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Hearing Wednesday April 10, 2013 10:00 a.m., CR 016

Testimony by: Ralph C. Boyea

Testimony in favor of SR 42 "Urging the Federal Government to Release Roger Christie on Bail Pending Trial."

To: Chairperson Hee, Vice Chairperson Shimabukuro, and Honored Senators,

I am writing in support of SR42

Roger Christie has been held in Federal prison without bail for over three (3) years. The twelve other codefendants arrested along with him have all been released on bail. Roger's alleged crime is the "manufacture" and possession with intent to sell marijuana. There are no allegations of violence, weapons or other crimes. Roger's possession of marijuana was never hidden from the law, he publicly professed the right of all citizens to use marijuana as a vehicle for religious purposes. It remains to be seen whether or not he is correct in that assumption. Perhaps, if his case ever gets to trial, we will find out.

How can the Federal Government justify his being held 3 years without a trial and without bail? As a resident of Hawaii Island, I have known of Roger Christie for well over twenty years. I have never heard of any situation where he was ever a threat to me or any other members of our community. I have, however, read of MANY instances where violent criminals, even those charged with murder, have been released on bail. The denial of bail in Mr. Christie's case is absolutely absurd.

I want to thank Senators Ruderman and Sloan for introducing this Resolution; and, Senators Espero and Ruderman for personally meeting with Roger. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Please vote in favor of Senate Resolution 42.

Ralph C. Boyea HC 2 Box 5626 Kea'au, HI 96749

## TESTIMONY

Tracy Ryan 1658 Liholiho St #205 Honolulu, HI 96822

SUPPORT S.R. NO. 42

To the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

RE: SR42, SD1 to be heard Wednesday, April 10, at 10:00AM in room 016

Nothing does more to underscore the importance of the involvement of the political process in this issue than simply reading the rationales provided by the Federal government to support its mistreatment of Roger Christie. Long legal arguments are presented to explain how, in the Federal system, the basic rights of American citizens, as defined in the Constitution of the United States, don't seem to apply. Just a couple of days ago the Star Advertiser reported the intention of the Federal prosecutor to ask the judge to stop Roger from making his defense based on religious freedom. When did the people of this country agree to allow courts the power to stop anyone at all from presenting their constitutional rights before a jury? It is also likely the judge will prevent any jury from hearing about the three years in jail that the Rev. Christie has spent as an alleged "danger" to the community without access to bail.

Roger will be freed by any jury which is allowed to hear all the evidence and rule as they see fit. The Federal Government knows this and will do anything in its power to prevent it. Appealing to the Federal Judiciary to correct its abuses of Roger seems pointless in light of their attitude. Only elected officials with the power to stop them can restore justice in this case. I appeal to you to and all of your Senate colleagues to send a statement directly to the President of the United States with an aim to achieve the following. 1. The immediate release of Roger Christie. 2. The dropping of all charges outstanding against him, his wife, and any of his associates. 3. The reversal of any convictions and the dropping of all charges against anyone arrested in association with him and 4. An investigation into the conduct of the employees of the US executive department involved in this case to determine if they have engaged in misconduct that would allow Rev Christie compensatory damages for the loss of his liberty and the disruption of his life.

Tracy Ryan (808) 534-1846

Testimony in support of Roger Christie Reference: SR42

#### April 7, 2013

Roger became a Hawaii resident in 1986. He was ordained by the Reverend Dennis Shields into the Religion Of Jesus Church 2000 June. Shortly after he was licensed to marry people by the Department Of Health, State of Hawai'i, specifically as a Cannabis Sacrament Minister. Later that year, he was a co-recipient of the Drug Policy Forum of Hawaii's Ho'omaluhia (Peacemaker) Award.

Roger is the founder of The Hawai'i Cannabis (THC) Ministry in Hilo where he shared the blessing of the Ministry with the world and opened his door to all sincere religious users and cultivators of cannabis. This was a world-wide congregation of cannabis sacrament practitioners from more than 60 countries.

Roger believes a balanced partnership leads to societal harmony. He refers to cultural historian Riane Eisler who conducted a cross-cultural and historical study which led to her classic works: *The Chalice* and *The Blade and Sacred Pleasure*. The author identifies a continuum of patterns for structuring relations from intimate to international.

Only days before Roger's 2010 arrest I had formed a collaboration with him for unique ceremonies to serve weddings, funerals, baptisms, communions, and more. As an eco-event coordinator and caterer, my intention was to develop the ideal ceremony to suit the custom needs and beliefs of my clients. Roger was professional and a joy to work with. His arrest was unfortunate for the entire community, visitors, family, friends, my business, and global associates.

Respectfully Submitted, Delia Montgomery 14-601 Lehua Circle Pahoa, HI 96778

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Submitted on: 4/7/2013

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Submitted By Michael Aiello	Organization Individual	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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Comments: A New poll from the Pew Research Center has found that 52% of adult Americans now support legalization of the very substance that prosecutors claim as their rationale for imprisoning Christie in brazen violation of his Constitutional rights. ----http://www.latimes.com/news/politics/la-pn-marijuana-legalization-majority-support-

20130404,0,2533952.story ------ Almost three years into Christie's unlawful detention, this new poll exposes the bleeding rent between the Common Sense of the American people, and the brutal inertia of so many US prosecutors (and other government employees) whose entire careers are based on "marijuana" enforcement. ----- http://www.people-press.org/2013/04/04/majoritynow-supports-legalizing-marijuana/ ------ Please do your duty and pass SCR 75/SR 42, ------

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Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier</b> Position	Present at Hearing
Pamela Elia	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Senators of the Judiciary Committee, Roger Christie's Sixth Amendment to the United States rights have been violated. The Sixth Amendment states "in all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defense". Every citizen has the right to bail when accused of a crime. While there are certain specific exceptions, bail cannot be denied, and the accused is afforded the opportunity to go free, provided payment can be made. The purpose of bail is to allow an individual to remain free while awaiting trial, while it also works as a guarantee that the defendant will return to court .According to the Eighth Amendment Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted. Roger Christie's Eighth Amendment rights have been violated. I plead with the Judiciary Committee to please have mercy and release Roger Christie on Bond so that he can prepare himself properly for a speedy trial. Roger has endured severe pain and suffering during his imprisonment without reasonable privileges and proper jurisprudence. Please once again have mercy on Roger and grant him release on bail. Kindest regards, Pamela Elia Mount Pleasant, SC 29464

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Tim Swift	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I urge you to support SR 42.

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Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier</b> Position	Present at Hearing
Jim Albertini	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in strong support of SR 42 calling for the release of Roger Christi. I have known Roger for decades. He is an honorable man and no danger to anyone. Every day he remains in custody deepens the stain on the rule of law and equal treatment under the law. No lie can live forever. Sere justice. Free Roger now! Mahalo. Jim Albertini

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Greetings-

I am writing in support of Roger Christie's release. My association with Roger is distant yet binding as I am a poet linking the cannabis hemp plant to the metaphysical concept of "One" in Denver, Colorado where hemp is poised to heal the people & economy of this state.

As the premier natural resource on the planet, hemp was made legal here out of sheer necessity. Hemp is the only thing that stands between sanity and the fracking companies here on the mainland.

I believe Roger Christie to be a minister. I have the Hawaii churches' literature and am quite impressed by the informative nature of the organization. I was quite inspired to know Roger was active and making successful strides in healing the spirit of spirituality itself. He has proven his humility and peaceful nature. 33 months should be quite enough time wasted. The degree of what has been taken from Roger should be assessed and he should compensated accordingly. Cannabis is a religious sacrament by all rites and this can be proven historically and is being proven in a certain sense as we live and breath in a petrochemically altered world slowly dying and sinking.

Please release the man and let him continue his work.

Sincerely, Richard J. Lotze Denver, Colorado

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Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ben Shafer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Legislatures, We don't even lock up the Republicans who lied to take us to war and place our military personnel in harms way, maimed and killed to include innocent civilians. We let the NRA dictate violence on behalf of the 2nd Amendment, yet this man is even more evil than those listed above? Hold Congress, the NRA, the GOP, Wallstreet, Bankers, Relators, AG, PD, in jail for the amount of time that this guys has been in jail. Alcohol and tobacco should be banned as well.

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Diane Renchler	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I thought the law required that someone has a fair and speedy trial and not be held for indefinite amounts of time without possibility of posting bail. Roger does not present any real harm to others and therefore should be allowed due process of law.

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Catherine Kosora	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of the release of Roger Christie pending his trail and subject to bail conditions. He is not a so called "dangerous man". He has been denied the ability to a speedy trail.

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