



GOV. MSG. NO. 1271

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
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DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR

July 1, 2021

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,  
President  
and Members of the Senate  
Thirty First State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,  
Speaker and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Thirty First State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on July 1, 2021, the following bill was signed into law:

SB1139 SD2 HD1 CD1

RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF MEDICAL  
CANNABIS CONTROL AND REGULATION  
**ACT 169 (21)**

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF MEDICAL CANNABIS CONTROL AND  
REGULATION.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Act 159, Session  
2 Laws of Hawaii 2018, established the office of medical cannabis  
3 control and regulation under the health resources administration  
4 of the department of health to administer medical cannabis  
5 dispensary licensure and regulation pursuant to chapter 329D,  
6 Hawaii Revised Statutes, and the registration of qualifying  
7 patients and primary caregivers pursuant to chapter 329,  
8 part IX, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

9           The purpose of this Act is to:

- 10           (1) Authorize the department of health to adopt  
11                 administrative rules to establish patient registration  
12                 fees beginning in fiscal year 2022; and
- 13           (2) Establish a task force to explore the issues and  
14                 development of a dual system program of legalization  
15                 for cannabis and the impacts of legalization on  
16                 qualifying patients, including access to medical  
17                 marijuana by qualifying patients.



1 SECTION 2. Section 329-123, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:  
3 "(b) Qualifying patients shall register with the  
4 department of health. The registration shall be effective until  
5 the expiration of the certificate issued by the department of  
6 health and signed by the physician or advanced practice  
7 registered nurse. Every qualifying patient shall provide  
8 sufficient identifying information to establish the personal  
9 identities of the qualifying patient and the primary caregiver.  
10 Qualifying patients shall report changes in information within  
11 ten working days. Every qualifying patient shall have only one  
12 primary caregiver at any given time. The department of health  
13 shall issue to the qualifying patient a registration  
14 certificate~~[,]~~ and ~~[shall]~~ may charge ~~[\$35 per year.]~~ a fee for  
15 the certificate in an amount adopted by rules pursuant to  
16 chapter 91."

17 SECTION 3. Section 329-123.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
18 amended by amending subsection (e) to read as follows:

19 "(e) Each qualifying out-of-state patient shall pay a fee  
20 ~~[of \$45]~~ in an amount established by rules adopted by the



1 department pursuant to chapter 91 for each registration and  
2 renewal."

3 SECTION 4. (a) The office of medical cannabis control and  
4 regulation shall convene a task force to explore the development  
5 of a dual system program of the legalization for cannabis and  
6 the impacts of legalization of cannabis on qualifying patients,  
7 including access to medical cannabis by qualifying patients.

8 (b) The office of medical cannabis control and regulation  
9 shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations,  
10 including any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later  
11 than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session  
12 of 2023.

13 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
14 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

15 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED this 01 day of JUL, 2021



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

**THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I**

Date: April 27, 2021  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2021.

  
President of the Senate

  
Clerk of the Senate

SB No. 1139, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 27, 2021  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021.



Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker  
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives