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TESTIMONY ON SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 221 and SENATE RESOLUTION 214

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE CURRENT PRICES OF AND ACCESS TO MEDICAL CANNABIS AND THE VOLUME OF ILLICIT CANNABIS SALES IN THE STATE

> By Clifton Otto, MD

Senate Committee on Health Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair and Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair Senator Lynn DeCoite, Vice-Chair

> Monday, March 28, 2022 at 1:02 PM State Capitol, Room 225 & Videoconference

Thank you for the opportunity to offer **SUPPORT WITH CHANGES** on this measure.

Because of the direct impact that the ongoing conflict with federal drug law is having upon dispensary prices and illicit activity within the State, this relationship needs to be included in this resolution, which could be accomplished by the following simple amendment.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Auditor is requested to conduct a study on the relationship between current prices of and access to medical cannabis<u>, and</u> the volume of illicit cannabis sales in the State, <u>and the ongoing conflict with</u> federal law; and

Thank you for considering.

Aloha.