STAND. COM. REP. NO. [90]

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 03 , 2023

RE: H.R. No. 53 H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-Second State Legislature Regular Session of 2023 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.R. No. 53 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR TO INITIATE A CLEMENCY PROGRAM FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BEEN PROSECUTED FOR CANNABIS-RELATED OFFENSES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Governor to initiate a clemency program for individuals who have been prosecuted for cannabis-related offenses.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the American Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii; Aloha Green Holdings Inc; Last Prisoner Project; Hawaii Cannabis Industry Association; Marijuana Policy Project; and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that the prosecution of cannabis-related offenses has had detrimental consequences across society, and despite similar usage rates across racial groups and other communities, the prosecution and penalization of these offenses has been disproportionate and inequitable. Your Committee further finds that President Biden has pardoned thousands of persons convicted of federal charges of cannabis possession. Your Committee finds that granting clemency to those convicted of

cannabis-related offenses, would facilitate social justice and reintegration for those convicted.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 53, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 53, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs,

DAVID A) TARNAS, Chai

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## Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: HR53	Committee Referral: JHA '	Date	3/23/202	23
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to:  Pass, unamended (as is)  Pass, with amendments (HD)  Hold  Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
JHA Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TARNAS, David A. (C)				
2. TAKAYAMA, Gregg (VC)				
3. GANADEN, Sonny			0000011440000001-10101-10	***************************************
4. HOLT, Daniel				
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5. HASHIMOTO, Troy N.				
6. ICHIYAMA, Linda				
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7. ILAGAN, Greggor		25 max 152 mm		
8. KONG, Sam Satoru				
9. MIZUNO, John M.			Water Safe And Safe Safe Safe Safe Safe Safe Safe Safe	
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TOTAL (10)	7	$\phi$	$\emptyset$	3
The recommendation is:  Adopted  If joint referral, did not support recommendation.  committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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