

HB-734

Submitted on: 2/1/2023 9:15:38 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/4/2023 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tai Cheng	Aloha Green Holdings Inc.	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Green Apothecary supports the intent of this bill to replace the word "marijuana" with "cannabis."



To: Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair
Representative Jenna Takenouchi, Vice Chair
Members of the House Committee on Health and Homelessness

Fr: Bill Jarvis, Chief Executive Officer of Noa Botanicals

Re: **Testimony In Support of House Bill (HB) 734**
RELATING TO MEDICAL CANNABIS.

Amends the Hawai'i Revised Statutes to replace the word "marijuana" and related terms with the term "cannabis" or related terms, as appropriate.

Dear Chair, Vice-Chair and Members of the Committee:

Noa Botanicals is one of the three licensed medical cannabis dispensaries on Oahu and we **support HB734**.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Best,

Bill Jarvis
CEO
Noa Botanicals

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Submitted on: 2/2/2023 10:29:51 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/4/2023 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Victor K. Ramos	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SUPPORT: Politics notwithstanding, all related intoxicants are produced by the cannabis plant. "Marijuana" is dried leaves processed from the cannabis plant.

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Submitted on: 2/2/2023 1:48:12 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/4/2023 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Samuel Wolff	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Marihuana was a word made up by William Randolph Hearst to confuse the public on supporting the 1937 marihuana tax stamp act so he could outlaw hemp. It was used to associate cannabis with Mexican immigrants and is a racist word that needs to be abolished.

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Submitted on: 2/2/2023 2:26:57 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/4/2023 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Anuheia St. Laurent	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, I strongly support this bill as legal jargon should be scientifically correct and not slang.

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Submitted on: 2/3/2023 1:12:30 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/4/2023 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Emmy Nation	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose the use of the term marijuana in law due to its racist historical origins which were admitted by former Washington DC insider politicians and also made clear in audio recordings of former racist, xenophobic, white male presidents Richard Nixon and Ronald Reagan. The term cannabis is more appropriate. Cannabis has been used as a medicine for thousands of years, which is why humans evolved with specialized endocannabinoid receptors in our bodies that affect multiple physiological systems, including the immune and nervous systems.

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Submitted on: 2/3/2023 10:08:25 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/4/2023 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nanea Lo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hello,

My name is Nanea Lo. I'm born and raised in the Hawaiian Kingdom a Kanaka Maoli.

I'm writing in STRONG SUPPORT of HB734.

This bill updates the language of our laws so that we're using the correct, scientific term "cannabis" rather than the slang term "marijuana". Using the latter term is akin to using terms like "weed", "ganja", or "pakalolo", which is clearly not appropriate for official, legal writing. The term "marijuana" also carries with it a sordid racist history dating back to the anti-immigrant sentiments of the early 20th century, something that should not be memorialized in our law books.

Let's get us up to speed here and Pass HB734.

me ke aloha 'āina,

Nanea Lo, Mō'ili'ili