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**Testimony COMMENTING on SB440  
RELATING TO MEDICAL CANNABIS.**

SENATOR JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, CHAIR  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Hearing Date: Monday, Feb 6, 2023

Room Number: 225

1 **Fiscal Implications:** N/A.

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) acknowledges the purpose of this  
3 measure which is to authorize DOH to approve in-vehicle receipt of medical cannabis and  
4 medical cannabis products on or near the premises of dispensaries, under certain conditions.  
5 DOH appreciates that allowing for in-vehicle receipt will support patient needs and is amenable  
6 to this measure, as written, because it authorizes DOH to adopt rules detailing the circumstances  
7 under which in-vehicle on-premises dispensary may be allowed. This authority is critical because  
8 it will allow DOH to assess the unique circumstances of each retail dispensing location to ensure  
9 that patient, dispensary employee, and public safety; compliance with facility security, product  
10 inventory tracking requirements, and patient dispensing limits; and other concerns such as  
11 exposure to minors are addressed.

12 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

13 **Offered Amendments:**

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**LATE**



To Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair  
Senator Henry J.C. Aquino, Vice Chair  
Members of the Senate Committee on Health

Fr: Randy Gonce, Executive Director of the Hawaii Cannabis Industry Association

Re: **Testimony In Support of Senate Bill (SB) 440**

RELATING TO CANNABIS.

Authorizes the Department of Health to approve in-vehicle receipt of medical cannabis and medical cannabis products on or near the premises of dispensaries subject to administrative rules adopted by the Department of Health.

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

The Hawai'i Cannabis Industry Association is the trade association for the state's licensed medical cannabis dispensaries. HICIA **supports SB 440** as it expands necessary protections for our most vulnerable patients. Allowing patients to choose the option of receiving their medicine curbside is an important safety measure highlighted by the most recent COVID-19 Pandemic.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

**SB-440**

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Nikos Leverenz	Testifying for Drug Policy Forum of Hawaii	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Chair San Buenaventura, Vice-Chair Aquino, & Members of the Health & Human Services Committee:

Drug Policy Forum of Hawai‘i supports SB 440.

Medical cannabis dispensaries should also have the latitude to provide delivery services. Door-to-door delivery would facilitate easier access for registered 329 patients who have difficulty accessing private or public transportation.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.



**LATE**

To: Senator Joy San Buenaventura, Chair  
Senator Henry J.C. Aquino, Vice Chair  
Members of the Senate Committee on Health

Fr: Bill Jarvis, Chief Executive Officer of Noa Botanicals

Re: Testimony **In Support of Senate Bill (SB) 440**

RELATING TO MEDICAL CANNABIS.

Authorizes the Department of Health to approve in-vehicle receipt of medical cannabis and medical cannabis production or near the premises of dispensaries subject to administrative rules adopted by the Department of Health.

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 SB 440**. Allowing patients to choose the option of receiving their medicine curbside aids those with mobility issues and increases safety for patients during situations such as the recent Covid pandemic.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Best,

Bill Jarvis  
CEO  
Noa Botanicals



**LATE**

February 6, 2023

Chair, Sen. Joy San Buenaventura  
Vice Chair, Sen. Henry J.C. Aquino  
Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 440 – RELATING TO MEDICAL CANNABIS**

Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Health and Human Services Committee:

Aloha, my name is DeVaughn Ward and I am the senior legislative counsel at the Marijuana Policy Project ("MPP") - the largest marijuana policy reform organization in the United States. As you may know, MPP has been working to improve marijuana policy for more than 25 years.

I am here today to testify in support of **SB 440– Relating to Medical Cannabis**

MPP appreciates the opportunity to comment on SB 440. When the pandemic struck in the early days of 2020, many states declared cannabis businesses "essential" and adopt regulations to allow for patients to access their medicine in reduced contact or contactless ways through offering curbside or delivery options. Many states have since made these access points permanent recognizing the importance for patients, particularly those who are immunocompromised, to access their medicine through safe ways. SB 440 would allow the Department of Health to adopt rules to implement curbside pick-up for medical cannabis patients. This legislation would bring Hawaii into parity with other medical states that allow patients to access their medicine through curbside pick-up. We urge the committee to support SB440's passage.

Mahalo to the Chairs and members of the committee for your time and attention. If you have any questions or need any additional information, I would be happy to help answer them and can be reached at the email address below.

Sincerely,  
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