STAND. COM. REP. NO. 408 -24

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 15 , 2024

RE: H.B. No. 2443

H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-Second State Legislature Regular Session of 2024 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health & Homelessness, to which was referred H.B. No. 2443, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAL CANNABIS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1)Repeal the sunset date of the authorization for primary caregivers to cultivate medical cannabis for qualifying patients; and
- (2) Clarify that primary caregivers may continue to cultivate medical cannabis for qualifying patients, subject to certain restrictions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health Office of Medical Cannabis Control and Regulation; Aloha Green Apothecary; Cannabis Society of Hawai'i; Noa Botanicals, LLC; and two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from Akamai Cannabis Consulting and Oahu Cannabis Farms Alliance.

Your Committee finds that existing state law recognizes the · beneficial use of cannabis in treating certain debilitating

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medical conditions, their symptoms, and certain side effects of treatment for these conditions. Your Committee further finds that medical cannabis patients should have multiple options for obtaining medical cannabis, including having a primary caregiver grow an adequate supply of cannabis for medical use on their behalf. This measure would permanently allow primary caregivers to cultivate medical cannabis for qualifying patients.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2443, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Health & Homelessness,

DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair

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## **Record of Votes of the Committee on Health & Homelessness**

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2443, HDI	Committee Referral:  JHA/AbR, HLT, FI	N Date: 2	9/24
☐ 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)			
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays Excused
1. BELATTI, Della Au (C)			
2. TAKENOUCHI, Jenna (VC)			
3. AMATO, Terez			
4. ILAGAN, Greggor	12 Mary Same Area Color Inc.		
5. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand			
6. MARTEN, Lisa		<u> </u>	
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7. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.			U 1 dipresses are dif-
8. GARCIA, Diamond			
TOTAL (8)	8		
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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