STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3532

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 0 8 2026

RE: S.C.R. No. 64
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 64 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO REMOVE CANNABIS FROM THE FEDERAL CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT, PROVIDE SUPPORT TO STATES THAT ARE CLEARING DEFENDANTS' RECORDS OF CANNABIS OFFENSES, AND FACILITATE ACCESS TO THE FULL SPECTRUM OF BANKING SERVICES FOR CANNABIS-RELATED BUSINESSES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the United States Congress to:

(1) Remove cannabis from the Federal Controlled Substances Act;

(2) Provide support to states that are clearing defendants' records of cannabis offenses; and

(3) Facilitate access to the full spectrum of banking services for cannabis-related businesses.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Hawai'i Alliance for Cannabis Reform, Hawaii Organization for Progress and Equity, ACLU Hawai'i, Drug Policy Forum Hawaii, and five individuals.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu, Hawaii Family Forum, and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that twenty-four states have legalized cannabis for adult use, and forty states, including Hawai'i, allow medical cannabis. However, every cannabis consumer, patient, and worker remains a criminal under federal law. Criminal records relating to cannabis result in numerous collateral consequences, including lack of access to housing, employment, loans, and professional or occupational licensing. Your Committee further finds that access to full-spectrum banking is also important because one of the biggest hurdles for social equity applicants is access to capital. Under existing federal law, applicants are often either unable to finance cannabis businesses or are forced to rely on predatory loans. By encouraging Congress to enact legislation addressing these issues, this measure will contribute to economic growth, increased freedom, and better health and safety for the State's residents.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

(1) Deleting legislative findings relating to alcohol and tobacco use and regulation;

(2) Amending its title accordingly; and

(3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 64, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 64, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary,

Committee on Judiciary,

KARL RHOADS, Chair

The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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☐ The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.

If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

☐ Pass, unamended 2312 ☑ Pass, with amendments 2311 ☐ Hold 2310 ☐ Recommit 2313

| Members | Aye | Aye (WR) | Nay | Excused |
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| RHOADS, Karl (C) | ✓ | | | |
| GABBARD, Mike (VC) | ✓ | | | |
| CHANG, Stanley | ✓ | | | |
| SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A. | ✓ | | | |
| AWA, Brenton | ✓ | | | |
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Recommendation: ☑ Adopted ☐ Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:

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