

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **3404**

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 31 2026

RE: S.R. No. 141

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Health and Human Services, to which was referred S.R. No. 141 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO OBTAIN A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE EXEMPTION FROM THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION FOR REGISTERED MEDICAL CANNABIS PATIENTS AND REGISTRATION WAIVERS FOR STATE-LICENSED DISPENSARIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Governor to obtain a controlled substance exemption from the Drug Enforcement Administration for registered medical cannabis patients and registration waivers for state-licensed dispensaries.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Akamai Cannabis Consulting and three individuals.

Your Committee finds that the legal disparities between the state and federal regulation of cannabis threaten employment, firearms registration, interisland transport, housing, hospice care, and safe and affordable access to necessary medication for tens of thousands of the State's medical cannabis patients. Your Committee further finds that these legal disparities also discourage hundreds of thousands of potential medical cannabis patients from enrolling in the State's Medical Cannabis Program for fear of federal repercussions, pushing them towards the illicit market. This measure helps the State to reduce conflicts between state and federal law, provide greater certainty and



protection for patients, and improve safe and reliable access to medical cannabis across the State.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health and Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 141 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

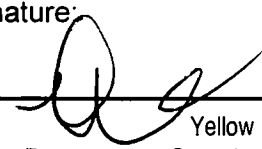
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health and Human
Services,



JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Chair

The Senate
 Thirty-Third Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Health and Human Services
HHS

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SR141	HHS, JDC	3/30/2026		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A. (C)	✓			
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K. (VC)	✓			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	✓			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett				✓
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	4	0	0	1
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
Distribution:				
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