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Testimony in SUPPORT of SB2413
RELATING TO MEDICAL CANNABIS

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REPRESENTATIVE JARRETT KEOHOKALOLE, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Hearing Date and Time: 02-06-26, 9:00AM

Room Number: 229

1 **Fiscal Implications:** Undetermined.

2 **Department Position:** The Department of Health (“Department”) supports this measure and
3 offers the following comments.

4 **Department Testimony:** The Office of Medical Cannabis Control and Regulation (OMCCR)
5 provides the following testimony on behalf of the Department. The OMCCR is in support of
6 SB2413, which authorizes licensed dispensaries to sell viable cannabis seeds to qualifying
7 patients or their primary caregivers, subject to a limit of no more than ten seeds per month per
8 patient. Implementation of this measure would require the promulgation of administrative
9 rules and updates to the seed-to-sale tracking system to enable and monitor the sale of
10 cannabis seeds.

11 Since 2000, qualifying patients have been permitted to cultivate medical cannabis, yet they
12 have had no lawful way to obtain seeds. This gap in the regulatory framework has forced many
13 patients to rely on unregulated sources. SB2413 provides a secure, compliant avenue for
14 patients to access viable seeds, thereby strengthening program integrity and supporting
15 adherence to state law.

16 The OMCCR also recognizes that many patients, particularly those residing on the Neighbor
17 Islands or in rural communities, face significant geographic and financial barriers to accessing

1 medical cannabis. Allowing patients to purchase seeds locally offers a cost-effective alternative
2 that enables patients to cultivate their own medicine in a more accessible and affordable
3 manner.

4 For these reasons, the OMCCR supports SB2413 and respectfully requests the Committees to
5 pass this measure.

6 **Offered Amendments:** None.

7 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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**TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 2413
RELATING TO MEDICAL CANNABIS**

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Friday, February 6, 2026, 9:00 AM
Conference Room 229 & Videoconference

SUPPORT

This bill is important because it provides a way for patients to obtain cannabis seeds legally from state-licensed dispensaries.

Since this bill involves the intrastate sale of viable cannabis seeds, you may want to include a definition of the Jurisdictional Limits of the State for clarity:

Section 329D-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding the following definition:

[§329D-1 Definitions](#). As used in this chapter:

“Jurisdictional limits of the State” means the land mass of each island and the surrounding territorial seas.

And allow dispensaries to sell seeds to each other to encourage in-house breeding and seed production:

Section 329D-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

§329D-6 Dispensary operations.

(r) A dispensary may purchase cannabis, [~~and~~] manufactured cannabis products, and viable cannabis seeds from another dispensary. The department shall authorize a dispensary to purchase cannabis, [~~and~~] manufactured cannabis products, and viable cannabis seeds from another dispensary in a manner prescribed by the department by rules adopted pursuant to section 329D-27; provided that:

(1) The selling dispensary may transport not more than eight hundred ounces, or other amounts with prior approval by the department, of cannabis, [~~or~~] manufactured cannabis products, or viable cannabis seeds to the purchasing dispensary within a thirty-day period; provided further that cannabis, [~~and~~] manufactured cannabis products, and viable cannabis seeds purchased pursuant to this section intended for:

(A) Direct retail sale to qualifying patients shall meet all applicable packaging, labeling, and testing requirements at the time of transport to the purchasing dispensary's production center or one of its retail dispensing locations; and

(B) Further manufacturing by the purchasing dispensary at the time of transportation shall be transported to the purchasing dispensary's production center;

(2) The cannabis, [~~and~~] manufactured cannabis products, and viable cannabis seeds are transported between the dispensaries for medical sales, scientific use, or other legitimate purposes approved by the State;

(3) The selling dispensary shall submit a transport manifest of the cannabis, [~~or~~] manufactured cannabis products, or viable cannabis seeds to be sold to the department before the sale is made, after which the selling dispensary may immediately proceed with the transfer of the cannabis, [~~or~~] manufactured cannabis products, or viable cannabis seeds; and

(4) Nothing in this subsection shall relieve any dispensary of its responsibilities and obligations under this chapter and chapter 329.

Aloha.

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Submitted on: 2/2/2026 7:30:59 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/6/2026 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Courtney Kacir	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Great idea! Support. 😊

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Submitted on: 2/3/2026 12:51:05 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/6/2026 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mark Tamosiunas	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

It's currently legal in all 50 States to purchase seeds online. USPS will even ship them to your home. I oppose SB2413. It's a money making scam. You can even order the seeds the dispensaries buy straight from the source. One Hundred Percent Legally.

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Testimony for HHS on 2/6/2026 9:00:00 AM

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Comments:

OPPOSE this bill.