

MEDICAL USE OF CANNABIS OUTSTANDING ISSUES WORKING GROUP HB 2729 HD2 SD2 CD1 (2018)

Working Group Meeting #1

DATE: Wednesday, August 1, 2018

TIME: 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

PLACE: Conference Room 325, State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street

WORKING GROUP MEMBERS PRESENT: Danette Wong Tomiyasu (acting chair), Senator Rosalyn Baker, Adrian Tam (representing Senator Stanley Chang), Erin Miyasaki, Peter Oshiro, David Baronfeld, Shana Metsch (via phone), Teri Freitas Gorman

WORKING GROUP MEMBERS ABSENT: Representative Roy Takumi, Representative John M. Mizuno

FACILITATION TEAM: Jose Barzola, Katie Ranney

- I. Meeting convened and began at 2:08 pm
- II. All members of the working group briefly introduced themselves. Jose Barzola introduced himself, explained his role as facilitator and introduced Katie Ranney as note taker
- III. Acting Chair Danette Wong Tomiyasu gave an overview of HB2729 HD2 SD2 CD1 (2018)
 - A. Please see attachment A for more information on the current dispensary program in Hawaii
 - B. The bill was passed the past session and one requirement of it was to create this working group to look further into two specific issues the previous working group did not fully cover.
 1. Employment: Punitive and protective implications of employees who are registered patients
 2. Edibles: Potential authorization and sale of edible products
 - C. Timeline for the working group
 1. This working group is tasked to produce a written report on these issues no more than 20 days before the legislative session. It is a short timeline, so the work will be intense.
 2. Goal: collect research and information and propose recommendations by October, giving the group November to discuss and debate the appropriate recommendations before writing the report
 - D. The bill identified 10 members required to be on the working group
 1. If persons are identified to be useful additions to the working group, a member of the working group must recommend them to the group. The Chair will decide whether to confirm the recommended person as a member.
 - E. Introduction of resource people
 1. Keith Ridley (Medical cannabis dispensary licensing program, DOH)
 2. Peter Whitar (Medical cannabis patient registry program, DOH)
 3. Tamara Whitney (Medical cannabis patient registry program, DOH)
 4. Michele Nakata (Medical cannabis dispensary licensing program, DOH)
 5. Alvin Bronstein (Emergency Medical Services and Injury Prevention System Branch, DOH)
 6. Leonard Hoshijo (Department of Labor and Industrial Relations)
 7. Lois Iyomasa (Department of Labor and Industrial Relations)
 8. JoAnn Vidinhar (Department of Labor and Industrial Relations)

9. William Hoshijo (Hawaii Civil Rights Commission)
 10. Ryker Wada (Department of Human Resources Development)
 11. Jason Minami (Department of Human Resources Development)
 12. Paul Eaking, M.D. (Pediatrician)
 13. Ryan Sanada (Hawaii Employers Council)
- F. Goals for today's meeting
1. Identify subcommittee membership, choose a lead for each subcommittee to provide each subcommittee with direction and report back to the working group, and discuss if other issues should be explored by the working group
 - a) Each subcommittee should have balanced representation from the working group
- G. Other work being done around the issue of Medical Cannabis
1. Another bill was passed to create the Office of Medical Cannabis to consolidate the registry program and dispensary under one office
 2. Another working group will be exploring insurance reimbursement (to be activated in Fall)
- IV. Explain Working Group ground rules
- A. Be solution-oriented, respectful of others' opinions and time, don't talk over other people
 - B. Jose Barzola, facilitator, encouraged group members to maintain contact and communication between working group meetings. If one person is on multiple subcommittees, Barzola recommends the group member establish one as priority if subcommittee meeting dates conflict. He reinforced, members should look at research, recent findings, and people knowledgeable in the field in Hawaii as well as similar states.
- V. Subcommittees
- A. After the members self-selected into subcommittees, they broke out into smaller teams to discuss specific topics for consideration and research
 - B. Edibles
 1. Members: Erin Miyasaki, Teri Gorman, Peter Oshiro, Adrian Tam
 2. Peter Oshiro is the lead for the subcommittee
 3. Topics of Concern
 - a) Child safety packaging
 - b) Standardization of dosage control
 - c) Illness responses
 - d) Poison control warnings on products
 - e) Education, public health messaging
 - f) Is there a medical justification for the use of edibles as compared to other forms?
 4. Resource people
 - a) Peter Whiticar
 - b) Alvin Bronstein
 - c) Paul Eakin, MD
 - d) Michele Nakata
 - e) Tamara Whitney
 - C. Employment
 1. Members: Senator Baker, David Baronfeld, Danette Wong Tomiyasu, Shana Metsch
 2. No lead identified as of yet

3. Topics of Concern

- a) Federal contract issues, impact of policy, especially Zero Tolerance Drug-Free Workplaces
- b) Collective bargaining issues
- c) Subcommittee will reach out to Carl Berquist of the Drug Policy Forum and member of the Act230 Working Group (the former working group) if they are interested in being involved with this working group
- d) Recommendation to add Ryan Sanada as a member of the working group

4. Resource people

- a) Keith Ridley
- b) Bill Hoshijo
- c) Jason Minami
- d) Ryan Sanada
- e) Ryker Wada
- f) Leonard Hoshijo

D. Neither group formulated other issues to be addressed by the working group

VI. Acting Chair Tomiyasu reviewed the format and content of Final Report to Legislature

- A. Preliminary recommendations and research should be formulated by October, so the working group can deliberate and vote on final recommendations
- B. Written report will be submitted in December
- C. Ideally, recommendations, both policy and programmatic, will be prioritized

VII. No comments or questions from the public

VIII. Next Steps and Announcements

- A. Senator Baker requested demographic information around employment from DOH and dispensaries, if possible. Baker also requested information about managing employment issues from states with only medical cannabis programs (and not recreational).
- B. Acting Chair Tomiyasu thanked everyone for being here and contributing to the discussions, adding that everyone's continued involvement and engagement would be appreciated.
- C. Next meetings will be held on September 4, October 2, and November 13, 2018 from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM in State Capitol Conference Room 325.

IX. Meeting adjourned at 3:36pm