

SUBCOMMITTEE report on New Licenses.

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The subcommittee met during the breakout sessions of the Medical Marijuana Working Group on July 19, August 23 and September 20, 2017. The subcommittee was only formed on July 19, 2017

The following recommendations to the working group were agreed upon:

1. The existing schedule under HRS Sec. 329D-2 as amended by HB1488 remain. i.e. The State of Hawaii Dept of Health may open new dispensary application process after October 1, 2018 for additional dispensaries/retail establishments based upon the factors stated in HRS Sec. 329D-2. There are no current obstacles to the dispensary application process so long as the law on the dispensary application procedure remains unchanged.
2. Recommend another working group in 2018 to determine the need for production or other non-retail dispensary licenses and requirements for such new licenses. Such working group should include an assignee from DBEDT (Dept of Bus Economic Development and Tourism), CTAHR (UH- College of Tropical Ag & Human Resources), Attorney General, a farmer/licensee, chairs or assignees of involved Senate and House committees as members, such as EDB, JUD, Tourism, and Ag. The Department of Health supports a review but will not commit to any recommendation from such group.

The Hawaii Dispensary Alliance does not believe another working group is necessary but if one is created that they be part of the working group and also a qualified patient.