

MEDICAL MARIJUANA LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT WORKING GROUP
ACT 230, HB 2707, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2016

Potential Subcommittee Topics for Prioritization (as of Nov. 1, 2016)

- 1. Patient Issues**
 - Speeding up/improving the patient application and certification process;
 - Prioritizing the most needy;
 - Reviewing and/or updating qualifying conditions;
 - Patient comfort & safety in the dispensaries (physical design)

- 2. Caregiver Issues**
 - Need to revisit/amend 2018 caregiver cultivation prohibition;
 - Understanding and developing recommendations around “card stacking”

- 3. Education**
 - Physician/APRN education;
 - Patient education;
 - Industry training for staff employed by dispensaries;
 - Education for law enforcement officers (ie. drug-impaired driving; Drug Impairment Training for Educational Professionals, update training on current medical marijuana laws);
 - Education clarifying what is or is not allowed (ie. transport of marijuana in cars, airplanes, etc.);
 - General public education;
 - Identify partnerships (ie. Cancer Consortium, medical associations) to encourage greater public education

- 4. Marketing & Advertising Issues**
 - Examine current law for standards & prohibitions against advertising;
 - Consider how statute may be changed to allow for advertising;
 - Review how advertising & mail through US Postal service is allowed for hemp products

- 5. Product**
 - Expanding products to include edibles;
 - Consider advertising & packaging concerns related to edibles;
 - Expanding sales to include seeds and clones;
 - Expanding products to include medical devices & other consumer products

- 6. Department of Health Organizational Issues**
 - Capacity;
 - Organizational structure;
 - Staffing, resources, & budget

7. Research Needs

- **Medical and agricultural research;**
- **Growing and processing;**
- **Product research;**
- **Gathering data from other states;**
- **Social science research (understanding attitudes, beliefs, perceptions);**
- **Integrating/encouraging UH to engage in research**

8. Labs

- **Identifying best practices & testing standards adopted in other states;**
- **Ensuring safety testing & certification consistency;**

9. Reciprocity

- **Identifying issues for implementing reciprocity;**
- **Recommendations for implementing reciprocity;**
- **Education for tourists on law & regulations, what is & isn't allowed (ie. transport of medical marijuana in cars, airplanes, cruise ships, etc.)**

10. Transportation/Accessibility Issues

- **Delivery options for patients;**
- **Interisland transportation of medical marijuana beyond limited lab exception;**
- **Transporting medical marijuana via aircraft (DOT/Airports) or watercraft (DOT/Harbors) through areas under federal jurisdiction;**
- **Address public safety & security concerns with increased usage of medical marijuana;**
- **Identify safety initiatives for highways (ie. increasing awareness of impaired driving – OVUII (operating a vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant)) or public education efforts to address safety concerns**

11. Banking options and solutions

12. Dispensary License Issues

- **Revisit horizontal vs. vertical production-distribution model;**
- **As data collected, identify whether there is need to add licenses**

13. Funding

- **Tracking general fund and tax revenues from dispensaries;**
- **Identifying funding for general public education;**
- **Identifying funding for law enforcement training;**
- **Funding to establish/run a state forensic toxicology lab & local labs**