

Medical Marijuana Dispensary System Task Force (HCR48 HD2, SD1)

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, September 10, 2014

TIME: 5:00 PM
PLACE: Aupuni Center

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Pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution 48, HD2, SD1, the Public Policy Center of the University of Hawai'i at Manoa convened the Medical Marijuana Dispensary System Task Force ("Dispensary Task Force") to develop recommendations for the establishment of a regulated statewide dispensary system for medical marijuana to provide safe and legal access to medical marijuana for qualified patients.

On September 2, 2014, the Legislative Reference Bureau published an updated report to its 2009 report on the policies and procedures for access, distribution, security, and other relevant issues related to the medical use of cannabis in all states that currently have a medical cannabis program. The Dispensary Task Force has been charged with holding at least one public hearing to receive public input on the updated report received from the Legislative Reference Bureau.

The Dispensary Task Force will submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2015.

Public testimony on issues and concerns regarding dispensaries in Hawaii and any input on the updated report received from the Legislative Reference Bureau and will be accepted at this public hearing. For copies of the report of the Legislative Reference Bureau, visit http://www.publicpolicycenter.hawaii.edu/projects-programs/hcr48.html

Persons wishing to offer comments <u>should</u> submit testimony at least <u>24 hours</u> prior to the hearing. Testimony can be addressed to the Dispensary Task Force and should indicate the testifier's name with their position/title and organization, if applicable.

Submit testimony prior to the hearing in ONE of the following ways:

PAPER: 2 copies (including an original) to Room 331 in the State Capitol;

E-MAIL: For testimony less than 10MB in size, e-mail testimony to hccat.org/less-timeny/memory-e-mail-com.

Electronic testimony will be accepted until the start of the hearing.

Persons wishing to testify in person are invited to attend the hearing and present their testimony. It is highly encouraged, however, that testifiers also provide their testimony in advance by either e-mail or paper format. Due to the anticipated numbers of participants who may wish to testify, testimony may be limited and testifiers are encouraged to bring written copies of their testimony that can be submitted to the Task Force staff so that this testimony can be shared with all the members of the Task Force.

While every effort will be made to consider all testimony received, materials received on the day of the hearing or improperly identified or directed, may be distributed to the Dispensary Task Force after the hearing.

Testimony submitted <u>may</u> be placed on the webpage of the UH-Manoa Public Policy Center. This public posting of testimony on the website should be considered when including personal information in your testimony.

If you require special assistance or auxiliary aids and/or services to participate in this hearing (i.e., sign or foreign language interpreter or wheelchair accessibility), please contact the office of Representative Della Au Belatti at (808) 586-9425 at least <u>24 hours</u> prior to the hearing for arrangements. Prompt requests submitted help to ensure the availability of qualified individuals and appropriate accommodations.

For further information, please call the office of Representative Della Au Belatti at (808) 586-9425.

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