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# SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION AS TO WHY IT HAS NOT ISSUED ANY ADDITIONAL MEDICAL CANNABIS DISPENSARY LICENSES PURSUANT TO SECTION 329D-2(J), HAWAII REVISED STATUTES.

1 WHEREAS, chapter 329D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, which  
2 governs the State's medical cannabis dispensary system, was  
3 enacted in 2015; and

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5 WHEREAS, pursuant to section 329D-2(d), Hawaii Revised  
6 Statutes, the Department of Health issued eight dispensary  
7 licenses statewide, including three for the City and County of  
8 Honolulu, two each for the County of Hawaii and the County of  
9 Maui, and one for the County of Kauai; and

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11 WHEREAS, section 329D-2(j), Hawaii Revised Statutes,  
12 requires the Department of Health to determine, based on the  
13 qualifying patient need, whether additional dispensary licenses  
14 shall be offered to qualified applicants in the State after  
15 October 1, 2018, under certain conditions; and

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17 WHEREAS, despite applications filed by numerous entities  
18 for issuance of these additional medical cannabis dispensary  
19 licenses, the Department of Health has not issued any additional  
20 licenses, and has stopped accepting new applications; now,  
21 therefore,

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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second  
24 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023,  
25 that the Department of Health is requested to submit a report to  
26 the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening  
27 of the Regular Session of 2024, providing:

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29 (1) An explanation as to why the Department has not issued  
30 any additional medical cannabis dispensary licenses  
31 pursuant to section 329D-2(j), Hawaii Revised Statutes,  
32 after October 1, 2018;  
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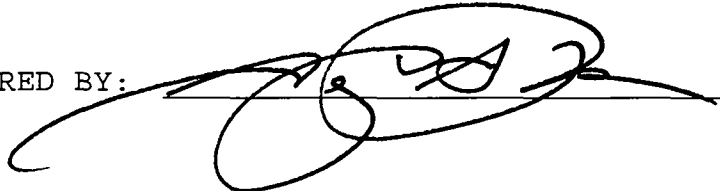
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- 1           (2) An explanation as to why the Department has stopped
- 2           accepting applications for medical cannabis dispensary
- 3           licenses; and
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- 5           (3) Any recommendations, including any proposed
- 6           legislation, that would promote the Department's
- 7           issuance of additional medical cannabis dispensary
- 8           licenses; and
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10           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
11 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health, Mayor of  
12 the City and County of Honolulu, Mayor of the County of Maui,  
13 Mayor of the County of Kauai, and Mayor of the County of Hawaii.

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OFFERED BY:

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