

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 15 2011

RE: S.B. No. 113  
S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2011  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and  
Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 113 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAL CANNABIS RESEARCH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to create a three-  
year pilot Medical Cannabis Research Program in the Department of  
Public Safety.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from six private entities and numerous individuals. Your  
Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from  
one state department and one county department.

The intent of your Committee is to provide a means by which a  
team of qualified researchers could undertake medical cannabis  
research involving local qualifying medical cannabis patients  
under the protection of state law.

Your Committee finds that the use of medical cannabis  
warrants further research. Hawaii has already established a  
medical marijuana law; the next step is to provide a platform on  
which the chemical properties and medicinal benefits of medical  
cannabis can be studied in a peer-reviewed manner. Formal  
peer-reviewed research investigates the chemical composition and  
therapeutic effects of medical cannabis in a controlled  
pre-clinical and clinical laboratory setting. Your Committee  
recognizes that in addition to peer-reviewed research, it is also

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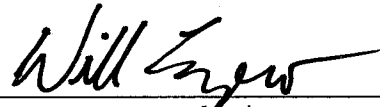
important that research be conducted on the unique strains of cannabis that have been developed in Hawaii.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting a provision for an unspecified number of patients for each primary caregiver at any given time for purposes of the pilot program; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 113, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 113, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Public Safety,  
Government Operations, and  
Military Affairs,



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WILL ESPERO, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Sixth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and**  
**Military Affairs**  
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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  
 If so, then the previous decision was to: \_\_\_\_\_

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312      Pass, with amendments 2311      Hold 2310      Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
ESPERO, Will (C)	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	/			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	/			
RYAN, Pohai	/			
SLOM, Sam				/
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>1</b>

Recommendation:  Adopted      Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:  
*Michelle N. Kidani*

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