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SENATE CONCURRENT 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, the
25 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
26 Health is requested to submit a report to the Legislature no
27 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular
28 Session of 2024, providing:

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30 (1) An explanation as to why the Department has not issued
31 any additional medical cannabis dispensary licenses



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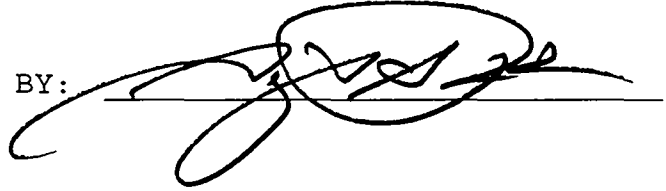
pursuant to section 329D-2(j), Hawaii Revised Statutes,
after October 1, 2018;

(2) An explanation as to why the Department has stopped
accepting applications for medical cannabis dispensary
licenses; and

(3) Any recommendations, including any proposed
legislation, that would promote the Department's
issuance of additional medical cannabis dispensary
licenses; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health,
Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, Mayor of the County of
Maui, Mayor of the County of Kauai, and Mayor of the County of
Hawaii.

OFFERED BY: _____

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