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### **INTERISLAND SAMPLE TRANSPORT**

Dear Director Butay,

I am writing to you about the current situation involving the transport of cannabis samples by dispensaries and certified cannabis labs between islands for testing purposes on Oahu. My interest in this matter stems from the impact that the supposed illegal transport of cannabis samples between islands can have upon patient safety.

Despite [state law](#) that authorizes the interisland transport of cannabis samples for testing purposes and a federal aviation [regulation](#) that exempts the carriage of cannabis aboard aircraft from federal restrictions if authorized under state law, cannabis labs in Hawaii are using stealth methods to avoid detection by TSA, local and state airport law enforcement, and interisland shipping companies, which often result in sample delivery delays that can negatively affect the reliability of required contaminant testing.

I inquired with the Office of Medical Cannabis Control and Regulation within the Department of Health (DOH) about resolving this issue, and they referred me to the Chief of the Environmental Health Analytical Services Branch at DOH's State Lab, which only handles testing, and not associated transport. I have also inquired with a national laboratory accrediting organization to see how they addressed the interisland transport section of the Accreditation that they performed for cannabis labs in Hawaii.

In the meantime, I am reaching out to your office to find a solution for this situation, with the hope that this matter can be addressed during the upcoming legislative Session. May I please speak with a member of your staff about this issue.

Aloha,

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