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Elizabeth A. Char, MD Director, Department of Health 1250 Punchbowl Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

## **REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING**

Dear Director Char,

I am writing to request a public hearing on <u>HCR132</u> and <u>HR112</u>, which were adopted by the Legislature last Session.

These resolutions request that the department file for a federal exemption from the Drug Enforcement Administration for the state authorized use of cannabis in Hawaii, which represents the will of our state lawmakers to end the unnecessary conflict with the federal regulation of marijuana that is injuring our medical cannabis patients and dispensaries every day.

Because of the breadth of stakeholders affected by this complex issue, I believe that the best way forward is for the department to hold a combined public hearing on HCR132 and HR112 so that input can be received from all involved.

Thank you for considering this request. I look forward to your timely response.

Aloha,

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