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**DUAL USE OF CANNABIS TASK FORCE**

MEETING 1

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TESTIMONY ON AGENDA ITEMS 3, 6, and 7

By

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on the following agenda items:

**Agenda item #3**

It appears that a certifying physician and certifying APRN are not present on this task force. It will be very difficult to represent the stakeholders of dual use and comply with the Legislature's intent for creating this task force if those who know the problems of our medical cannabis patients better than anybody else are not included as regular members. Please vote to add a certifying physician and certifying APRN before the next meeting.

**Agenda item #6**

What can we learn from a presentation on medical and adult use programs in other states? Hopefully how not to repeat the same mistake of creating another state program that requires its end users to violate federal drug law to participate and suffer the consequences.

**Agenda item #7**

I hope that one result of your discussion about other state programs is a heightened concern about the negative impact of the ongoing conflict with federal drug law. Hawaii is unlike any other state and requires special consideration of this issue. Please create a federal conflict subcommittee that can research this topic and provide solution recommendations to be included in the task force final report.

Aloha.