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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 132 HOUSE DRAFT 1 SENATE DRAFT 1

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO APPLY TO THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION'S OFFICE OF DIVERSION CONTROL FOR AN EXCEPTION UNDER TITLE 21 CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS SECTION 1307.03, AND REQUEST FORMAL WRITTEN ACKNOWLEDGMENT THAT THE LISTING OF MARIHUANA, MARIHUANA EXTRACT, AND TETRAHYDROCANNABINOLS AS CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES IN FEDERAL SCHEDULE I DOES NOT APPLY TO THE PROTECTED ACTIVITIES IN HAWAII REVISED STATUTES

By

Clifton Otto, MD

Senate Committee on Judiciary Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair

Friday, April 16, 2021; 10:00 AM State Capitol, Videoconference

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of this resolution.

I hope your committee finds this measure to be a reasonable way for the Legislature to express its will on resolving the current conflict with the federal regulation of marijuana.

Please see my previous <u>written testimony</u> for the public hearing held by the Senate Committee on Health, which addressed concerns regarding <u>21 CFR 1308.35</u>. A federal exemption for the sale of products made for animals using parts of the cannabis plant that are excluded from the federal definition of marijuana (ie. Stems and sterilized seeds), does not preclude an exemption for the state authorized use of a Schedule I controlled substance under a constitutional authority reserved to the states.

Thank you for considering my testimony on this important measure.

Aloha.