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The Honorable Jarrett Keohokalole Hawaii State Capitol, Room 203 415 S. Beretania Street Honolulu, HI 96813

## **DECISION MAKING ON SB241**

Dear Senator Keohokalole,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify <u>publicly</u> on SB241 yesterday.

I am grateful for your comments on this measure during decision making:

"This measure was passed last year and was vetoed by the Governor. We have a new federal administration that is likely to have a different policy as it relates to cannabis, especially as the industry and medical cannabis in general has changed so drastically over the last several years nationally. So, I am going to recommend that our committee pass this measure out un-amended."

Your comments suggest that despite previous resistance from the state Executive branch, you were willing to allow <u>SB241</u> to pass through your committee because of a changing attitude towards cannabis at the federal level, which also suggests that Governor Ige may now look more favorably upon measures that have been perceived to violate federal law in the past.

I am hoping that your comments will also apply to bills such as <u>SB147</u> and <u>SB669</u>, which could serve to eliminate the very conflict that has caused so many difficulties with the interisland transport of medical cannabis in the past.

Thank you for considering public hearings for these important measures.

Aloha.

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