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The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 214  
415 S. Beretania Street  
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### **PAROLEES AND MEDICAL CANNABIS**

Dear Senator Nishihara,

Attached please find a [letter](#) that I sent to Director Otani at the Department of Public Safety earlier today regarding the situation with parolees who wish to become medical cannabis patients.

This is a significant issue for this select group of patients, which I believe is being made worse by the ongoing conflict between the federal regulation of marijuana and the state authorized use of cannabis for medical purposes in Hawaii.

I realize that you were exposed to some faulty guidance from the Office of the Attorney General on this issue last Session, but I believe that the situation is different now that the [Iowa Department of Public Health](#) has decided to file a federal exemption application with the DEA for their state medical cannabis program.

May I please speak with a member of your staff about addressing this issue during the upcoming legislative Session.

I look forward to hearing from your office.

Hope you are all having a safe and happy holiday season.

Aloha,

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