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The Honorable Ryan I. Yamane Hawaii State Capitol, Room 420 415 S. Beretania Street Honolulu, HI 96813

## **HEARING REQUEST FOR HB1359**

Dear Representative Yamane,

I hope that you can grant a public hearing for <u>HB1359</u> – Relating to Higher Education.

A Cannabinoid Medicine Program at the John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM) is long overdue, especially with a twenty-year history of state authorized use of cannabis for medical purposes in Hawaii and nearly 30K registered patients.

I suspect that the University of Hawaii leadership will be resistant to this change, but I hope that their concerns can be assuaged by other bills that have been introduced this Session, such as <u>HB668</u>, that could help end the current conflict with the federal regulation of marijuana.

Please feel free to contact me if there are any questions about the viability of this measure.

Aloha,

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