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I am submitting written testimony for the 09/19/2022 meeting agenda item 5 in regards to the Market Structure report. I have the following facts to present to the task force for discussion prior to finalizing their cultivation licensee fee structure.

The Market Structure report provides an unrealistic and uneconomical licensing pricing structure for cultivation. I encourage the participation of smaller cultivators, but want to raise the issue that licensing for the current medical dispensary licenses will be greatly increased. At this current time, medical licensees pay \$50,000 per year after an initial \$75,000 fee. Our audited financial reports are available to the DOH regulators and they are able to attest that a number of licensees do not break even and only a few are profitable. None have returned investment to initial shareholders.

As you are aware from the Tax Reporting Group and recent Civil Beat article, the current heavy regulation leads to a higher price for medical cannabis sold at the dispensaries.

The proposed licensing structure does NOT differentiate between indoor, greenhouse or outdoor grows. The pricing proposal encourages indoor higher yielding grows which use more electricity. Greenhouse grows do not yield as much as an indoor grow and requires more space due to the lack of environmental controls. Finally, the licensee pricing is too high for an outdoor grower.

For example, if the license pricing was recommended then Aloha Green Apothecary would pay an annual fee of \$400,000 per annum for its current cultivation license. Aloha Green Apothecary recently completed an indoor and greenhouse expansion of its cultivation facility to increase supply and further drive down the price of medical cannabis. Greenhouse and outdoor growing is the future for commercial cannabis as the plant is legalized and freed.

Aloha Green Apothecary is now able to provide \$220 oz of dried flower daily at our dispensaries due to finally reaching economics of scale in a regulated, lab tested, and taxed market.

Please reconsider adding pricing and allow the regulator to determine pricing based on an economic and market assessment. I am available for live question and answer at your convenience.

Aloha  
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I am submitting written testimony for the 09/19/2022 meeting, agenda item #5 on findings for the Market Structure Working Group.

My main comment is that looking to other states, the use of so-called "co-operatives" have been used to undermine state sponsored legal cannabis programs. Grocery co-ops by regulation are only allowed to sell to its members and follow the same rules as any other grocery store.

All industry participants should be subject to the same licensee requirements regardless of size as even a small player can disrupt a state program.

All participants should be held to the same standard for financial and inventory audits; require testing for all commercially sold cannabis, require a pre-inspection by regulators before allowed to operate, have an approved security plan, demonstrate compliance with county/state building, zoning, and other codes, permits, and submit evidence of business and tax data.

A separate regulatory body would be in the best position to set rules and regulations based on market data, and public safety. License applicants should be rigorously vetted prior to participation.

The success and integrity of a dual-use program is only as strong as its participants.

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I am submitting written testimony for the 09/19/2022 meeting, agenda item #4 on findings for the Tax Working Group.

Higher taxes make it more difficult to compete with the illicit market due to an overall higher price.

Highlighted in the recent Civil Beat article, the more onerous the rules and regulations of a program, the more costly the goods produced. As a dispensary licensee, I can testify that the price of medical cannabis is directly related to the DOH rules and regulations.

One market based example is the recent change in cannabis dispensary Rules by the DOH in April 2022 from the previous interim rules. The new Rules quietly came into force and completely changed the 3rd party testing requirements by replacing the previous regime with one similar to the State of California's. The new testing requirements immediately increased the amount of supply in the market due to a higher passing rate. This has led to a steady decrease in the price of flower from the beginning of the year from an average \$400 oz to \$300 oz of dried flower in the Oahu market place. At Aloha Green Apoth, we are not able to offer \$220 oz dried flower specials from time to time due to the increased supply from lower testing standards.

This is compelling evidence that if the State wishes to absorb the profits enjoyed by the illicit cannabis market, it must ensure that the price and product offered by the dual-use program is equivalent to what is available in the unregulated market.

TY Cheng, President, Aloha Green Holdings Inc.



September 16th, 2022

**ATTN: Dual Use Cannabis Task Force**

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Dear Honorable Members of the Dual Use of Cannabis Tax Force,

A heartfelt thank you to this Task Force and all of the Working Groups for the diligent and painstaking process of exploring Cannabis legalization in such a meaningful and robust way. I know how much this is to take on. It can be difficult to pin down solutions, but sharing and understanding perspective is where it all starts. Public safety is as important as undoing the harms done by the decades-long drug war. While functional regulatory frameworks are as important as social, environmental, and economic reform and stability.

I would like to express immense gratitude for the opportunity to provide testimony to you today. I look forward to meeting everyone virtually on Monday, September 19th. Please consider the following testimony as you explore the framework of Adult-Use or Dual-Use Cannabis legalization in Hawaii. In the following testimony, I will aim to summarize concerns and considerations regarding the agenda items for the upcoming Dual Use Cannabis Task Force meeting. I will also attempt to provide meaningful and well-founded insight into Cannabis legalization attempts and associated frameworks from a breadth of experience in the Cannabis sector, spanning over 20yrs. The last 5 or so have been hyper-focused on Cannabis Policy, Advocacy, Community Organizing, and Cannabis & Hemp Economics. Largely these efforts have been attempting to right the wrongs of California's Prop 64, but my work and understanding of Cannabis span both nationally and globally. Please see my previous testimony submitted for the August 29th meeting with substantial detail and a more personal introduction.

There have been many developments globally centered around plant medicine, and mostly the Cannabis Sativa L. plant, over the past few years. State by state attempts to effectively legalize

and decriminalize Cannabis. The Hawaiian Islands are world-renowned legacy Cannabis producing regions, with unique appellations and terroir-rich heritage. Meaningful Cannabis & Hemp policy in the State of Hawai'i can really set the bar for Social, Environmental, and Economic Justice across the board. May Hawai'i lead the way!

In full disclosure, I am currently fulfilling an independent contract with Big Island Grown (Lau Ola LLC) as well. I am grateful to be consulting with this team on forming meaningful Cannabis policy, civic engagement, community outreach, and other advocacy efforts. I find this team's values are aligned with my own and I am honored they have encouraged me to present today on my own accord, speaking from my personal opinion to share my experience and perspective. This being the case, you may see some overlap in testimony. Specifically on the agenda items being heard at the upcoming meeting.

**Please find testimony on the pages below**

## **Social Equity Recommendations:**

**I am very grateful for the efforts and diligence of the Social Equity Working Group. So much care was taken in developing these recommendations, it truly gives hope that Hawai'i can get legalization and Social Equity right!**

### **Defining Social Equity for the State of Hawaii -**

- **I agree with the majority of the findings and recommendations of the Social Equity Working Group**
  - I do think that a few things could be added or highlighted and a few others could use further due diligence and further input from additional, diverse, boots-on-the-ground groups. While the Last Prisoner Project (LPP) is always gracious and willing to help, as the most recognized group in Cannabis Justice Reform, they are also NOT the end-all-be-all for boots-on-the-ground advocacy around Cannabis Justice Reform. Other groups, that I know the founders of personally, include - [Freedom Grow](#), [The Weldon Project](#), [40tons](#), [Farmer & The Felon](#) just to name a few. Other Equity and Legacy focused Cannabis groups like [M4MM](#), [UCA](#), [Origins Council](#), and [MCBA](#) are great resources too.
    - I support a dedicated Social Equity Advisory Board specific to this very important issue
      - However, I do believe that representation needs to be diverse and include Indigenous Hawaiian, local community members, caregivers, patients, veterans, medical Cannabis pioneers,

legacy growers/breeders, and representation from ALL communities that have been affected by the egregious War on Drugs

- I recommend that indigenous/Native Hawaiian applicants have a strong opportunity to license and own operations
  - I recommend that the state of Hawai'i put whatever runways in place possible before federal legalization opens markets and they can no longer grant unique and preferred opportunities to locals due to The Dormant Commerce Clause
    - There are other solutions that can be put into place around this that require more in-depth exploration as well
  - I believe that other non-native locals that have lived in Hawaii for a set timeframe should get a significant opportunity to participate in the space
  - I strongly support working to define those communities most impacted by the War on Drugs through a diversified subcommittee and/or advisory board structure
  - I support all who have been convicted of nonviolent Cannabis crimes qualifying for Social Equity and having priority in the space
  - All individuals or families who have been victims of over-policing and heavy-handed law enforcement should be included in Social Equity
  - Medical operators that have risked so much and paved the way need to be accounted for in Social Equity. Most have endured extreme bias, heavy-handed enforcement, discrimination, and financial limitations just for touching Cannabis
  - I also believe that patients should be prioritized when Considering Social Equity
  - **I recommend taking stock of these demographics and potentially offering fair license release in Phased windows of opportunity and then selecting via lottery or the like**
    - That is likely after the existing market is transitioned, and after there is effective regulated supply chain activity. There must be a gauge on production and market demand
  - I agree with the recommendation of a slow-rolled approach once again. With the easiest transition of the existing medical supply chain to kickstart the market and encourage licensed participation by allowing existing operators and caregivers to transition to the adult-use supply chain
- **Additonal Input:**

- Eliminating or reducing enforcement, creating employment opportunities, and not impeding past offenders' opportunities to participate in the workforce.
- I support the language of the Working Group around this topic
- The next consecutive rounds of licenses should be awarded based on Social Equity. Defined as those communities that have been disproportionately affected by the war on drugs and the prohibition of Cannabis. This includes marginalized communities that have been targeted by law enforcement and those that have stewarded the medical supply chain under probationary and aggressive enforcement tactics.
- The expungement of Cannabis convictions is imperative
- I support the working group's recommendation that a portion of taxes go toward employment training and opportunity
- I recommend that the state of Hawai'i pursue grants that create a positive feedback loop for the communities most impacted by the prohibition of Cannabis
- Encouraging a diverse Cannabis landscape including AAPI, women, BIPOC, and those convicted of non-violent Cannabis crimes
- I support literally all of the recommendations from the Social Equity working group included in the main slide presentation. I do believe there are findings that could use more assessment before determination is made

## Medical Use Recommendations:

- **FULLY SUPPORT THIS** - Background from Medical Use Working Group Document:
  - "Medical - The drafters of the 2000 bill legalizing the medical use of cannabis in Hawai'i envisioned a day when the islands could be the epicenter of cannabis research and education. We recommend the State return to this leadership role as legalization of cannabis is gaining momentum nationally and globally. The Hawai'i Department of Health's Office of Cannabis Regulation & Control deserves the resources to develop a current, evidence-based public health education program for medical cannabis patients, medical providers, dispensary staff, employers, public safety officials, and the wider public. Should the state legislature decide to legalize adult use as well, a supplementary education program will be needed. We believe that quality education is the key to safe cannabis use."

**I would really love to see some significant exploration by the state of Hawaii to utilize resources such as grant funds, nonprofit partnerships, research, and education to expand the impact of Cannabis legalization in Hawaii. Exploration of these opportunities**

could lead to an increase in the patient's access to low-cost medicine, provide economic regeneration and advance the studies of social and environmental impacts of both farming and plant medicines. I firmly believe that Hawaii can become a leader in these efforts, which I have not seen one other state take a lead in.

- **I support the idea of safe access for patients such as delivery and curbside Pickup.**
  - However, I recommend the allowance of licensed 3rd part delivery drivers with locking safety boxes in inconspicuous vehicles ONLY, for deliveries to patient homes. An operating dispensary taking this on would be whole other scope of work entirely.
    - Curbside pickup may be an easier lift for a dispensing business model and viable consideration here
- **Recommendation 4 - This is potentially concerning**
  - I completely respect and agree with medical providers' ability to assess their patients and these privileges. Their expertise is paramount in the patient/provider relationship.
  - However, this model leaves an opening for abuse of qualifying physicians simply "selling scripts" not to espouse that any would even do that, ethically speaking. But we have seen this happen in other states, such as California. That is VERY difficult to mitigate, especially as acceptance increases and the moving parts become intensive to manage and monitor.
- **Recommendation 5 - "Recommend all registered medical cannabis patients retain their right to grow their own cannabis plants and/or designate a caregiver as currently provided by law."**
  - **SUPPORT**
- **Recommendation 6 - "Recommend that registered medical cannabis patients remain exempt from any new taxes that may be levied on the sale of cannabis or cannabis products in an adult use program."**
  - **SUPPORT** - In intention... But if everyone has medical and nobody is paying taxes then this will be a failed framework also (see concern B above)
- **Recommendation 7 - "Recommend that all cannabis and cannabis products, intended for sale or distribution, be subject to the same testing standards currently provided by law, to ensure safety and quality of all commercial cannabis statewide for medical use."**
  - **SUPPORT**
- **Recommendation 8 - "Recommend that medical cannabis retail locations maintain a dedicated inventory for medical patients, and offer private meeting space for patient consultation with staff members."**
  - **SUPPORT - W/amendments:** Again this will create an inherent bandwidth issue and would only end up functional with subsidy from government funds or taxes
  - Recommend that they encourage separate facilities and well-qualified consultants for this. This could also be job creation where those Canna-curious demographics who can afford it and do not qualify for low to no-cost support, go to seek guidance and education before use as well.

- **Recommendation 9** - "Recommend that in a Dual Use program, existing licensees will continue to operate without disruption as the new program is integrated into daily operations."
  - **SUPPORT** - Consider a "Caregiver Carryover" model which can be established on further as testimony continues.
  - **Recommendation 10** - "Recommend that, in a Dual Use program, that legislation and the regulation currently in place be reviewed and amended to allow for expanded production and wholesale limits in anticipation of increased demand."
  - **SUPPORT** - I recommend phased and iterative timelines that stakeholders can assist in outlining. Again, with a focus on a "Slow Rolled" approach. Unlike most green rushing states that have moved too fast, only to their detriment.

## Patient Protections: **SUPPORT ALL**

### Patient & Public Health Education:

- "Recommend the state DOH develop a robust education campaign aimed to reduce ignorance and stigma surrounding the medical use of cannabis for medical professionals, healthcare administrators, and insurance providers."
  - **SUPPORT**
    - I recommend amending this to include data-informed research and education. As stated previously, Hawai'i can seek overlapping funds for public education and safety. Environmental initiatives and community resiliency are now leading topics of conversation. Hawaii must remain at the forefront of such discussions.
    - Tax dollars should be allocated directly to this from the Cannabis industry as well as from the general fund and other means.
    - There are so many solutions here and so many funds becoming available for public health, mental health, social justice, community reinvestment, criminal justice reform, and the like. If the Cannabis Task Force, or any working group herein, would like to explore this further at all - I would be happy to discuss it.

### Survey results and input:

- "Three-quarters of patients reported no issues with employment, traffic violations, housing, medical benefits, insurance, child custody, or purchasing firearms because of their medical cannabis use, or were unable to use medical cannabis in public"
  - **COMMENT** - Is this correct?? No issues at all? That seems like it must be a typo considering the following excerpts:
    - "The main issues encountered by patients were not being able to obtain a gun or permit (14%) and not being able to use their medical cannabis in

public places (9%). For some patients, the Schedule 1 classification is a barrier to accessing housing and governmental assistance. Patients commented also that the federal law on cannabis places financial burden on patients since health insurance does not cover medical cannabis treatment."

- **INPUT** - Nobody should be discriminated against for using Cannabis more than they are for using alcohol. Alcohol is a leading cause of aggression, violence, and automobile accidents, and this has been very well documented.
- "Legislation could also improve the medical use program by addressing the current access and socioeconomic or legal issues which patients are encountering in relation to their medical use and enable providers to achieve the best quality of care for their patients."
  - **RESOUNDING SUPPORT**

## Survey Concerns Worth Highlighting

- "However, many were wary about the possible interference by major corporations and big businesses buying up land, profiting off the adult-use industry, and pushing out medical cannabis users. A patient stated:"
  - "The business of cannabis does not work for patients because the primary concern of the "industry" is making a good return on its investment. This will drive the transfer of dispensary ownership to large mainland companies once adult use is authorized in Hawaii, which will solidify the commercial monopoly of cannabis and deprive the local community of any direct financial benefit while continuing the unreasonable prices because the dispensaries will still have to violate federal law and won't be able to deduct their business expenses from their federal tax returns."
- Other public health concerns raised include harm to youth with easier access to children and youth, increased substance abuse, and more intoxicated drivers and Workers.
  - **INPUT** - Tax dollars need to be allocated toward educational campaigns, medical research, and analysis. These should be prerequisites for any legalization framework and unfortunately, fall shamefully short in almost every state that has legalized. Again, this is an opportunity for Hawaii to move ahead of the pack with substantiated and well-informed market progression.
- Furthermore, there was concern that increased recreational use through tourism may negatively impact the environment and the local people of Hawai'i.
  - **INPUT** - This is a primary reason that Hawaii should not allow larger MSOs and larger capital interests to enter the market prematurely, or at all ideally. In that case, this could be a concern. If the state of Hawai'i keeps the businesses localized as long as we can, we can then put components in place that mitigate impacts and complement local economics.

- Legalization can help to incorporate giveback programs and initiatives as well. These should be more prevalent in other industry sectors anyway. Many states that legalized previously realized this and they are again backpedaling now.
- I recommend a runway of at least 5yrs to prioritize small local businesses, social equity applicants, patients, local ecosystems, and existing industry pioneers who built this "normalization" in the face of incredible risk and overwhelming discrimination.
- In California, for example, even 5yrs has proved to be an insufficient runway for small local businesses. Primarily because of a rushed approach to legalization, local control, and the inherent limited Administrative Agency bandwidth that came with so much oversight of conditions on the ground for operators and the market.
- Most parties currently operating in the medical market in Hawaii are considered "Craft" in the definitions being defined on a national front.

## Social Equity References:

### Academic articles available through Google Scholar

- **Full List**

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### Media Articles on failed Social Equity

- [Rueters - The Challenges of Getting Social Equity Right](#)
  - “Hopefully states are already beginning to think about how to provide training and low-cost financing for the social equity applicants they are trying to prioritize. If they don’t, they may just be setting up social equity applicants for financial failure a few months or years down the road.”

- [The Guardian - 'A farce of Social Equity' California is failing it's Black Cannabis businesses](#)
  - **“The main problem, De La Rosa said, is that social equity programs don’t help enough with the financial side of business ownership. Without federal cannabis legalization, big banks won’t provide loans, and people of color have more trouble getting venture capital, she said.”**
- [California’s pot social equity programs leave many depleted](#)
  - **“My life was shattered for something that’s now legal, and now I have to jump through hoops?” she said. “I felt demoralized.”**
- [Cannabis Equity Programs often fail, but we can fix them](#)
  - **“This brings us to the next issue that many minority-controlled businesses face: the high cost of fees attached to licensing and startup. Even if approved for their license, the immense initial costs tied to entering the cannabis market will prevent many businesses from getting off the ground. What this creates is an accessibility issue, where money upfront determines success in the end.”**

Thank you sincerely for your time and consideration,

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Thank you,

Sam De La Paz



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Dear Honorable Members of the Dual Use of Cannabis Tax Force,

I am simply resubmitting my Market Structure and Tax testimony from last month's meeting, regarding items #4 and #5 on the agenda for Monday, September 19th, 2022. I submitting this for additional reference and further review before the working group discussion.

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# Testimony for the Dual Use Cannabis Task Force of Hawaii - Concerning the August 29th, 2022 Meeting

## Testimony Line Items are as follows:

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## Observations and Encouragements:

Many states have legalized Cannabis for Medical and Adult-Use. Most of the markets that have emerged have overtaxed and over-regulated their Cannabis supply chain. I have seen one after another take an avoidant stance with industry stakeholders and patients, due largely to pre-existing stigmas and implicit biases.

Legalization is most often seeking to bolster tax revenues. This seems to be the primary motivator of legalization for most states. However, it has become very apparent that what we call the “Green Rush” mentality has actually spilled over into policy and regulation. This has been the biggest hindrance to functional regulation in most of these states. These approaches have driven the existing market further underground in most instances instead of encouraging participation in the regulated supply chain. It can also make the purchasing of medicine unattainable for low SES demographics. Often those most marginalized communities, many harmed by the war on drugs. Not to mention the very patients that medical legalization aims to serve.

I very adamantly encourage a slow-rolled approach to legalization in the State of Hawaii. Legalization needs to have the type of thorough and meaningful engagement with legacy Cannabis representatives, that I see maturing nicely overall here in Hawaii. This is the only way to ensure the transition of unregulated and untested supply chains.

Both medical and gray markets need to be considered at every turn in order to bring them into a compliant and regulated framework.

Recognizing the most marginalized communities and those most affected by the drug war is paramount to building trust in the Cannabis ecosystem. Environmental Justice, Social justice, and honorable transparent policy are what will assure a functional Cannabis landscape and a revered framework on a national scale.

Encouraging outside-of-the-box thinking, creative frameworks, and circular economic feedback loops are important for a new emerging sector as “green” as Cannabis. With the amount of attention that the sectors of Cannabis & Hemp are getting, we are in a unique position to allow these “industries” to feed economic cycles, nonprofits, grants

## **AGENDA ITEM #4 - Tax Recommendations:**

I recommend keeping an eye on the federal regulations, as the potential for mounting taxes of 20% or higher range can result in the decimation of the regulated supply chain infrastructure. We believe that there will need to be ongoing assessment and iterative processes. Ideally, this will include definitive goals and timelines of course.

### **Recommendations:**

- Establishing a meaningful tax structure will be done through meaningful engagement between regulators and stakeholders. A lack of meaningful engagement is where many states have fallen short and suffered the consequences of a competitive illicit market.
- Any increase beyond 15% should be subject to well-substantiated documentation through data-driven review.
- *I am not sure why states think that the tax rate should be raised significantly if the number of taxable businesses is increasing. The expansion alone would inherently bring in more tax revenues. Beware of the green \$ in the eyes. Once you have this proposed 20% tax with a potential Federal Tax added, you are looking at a potential 45% in taxes levied against Cannabis.*
- I believe there may be other models to explore here. We are assessing a couple of potential models that check a lot of boxes for everyone. We will update you on that as soon as we have a more definitive outline.
- **Recommend that the Task Force seeks additional testimony on Licence types and expansion.**
  - The Market Structure PIG input suggests more license types than this PIG does. It is important to move in unison and with clarity here.

- This section directly opposes some of the expanded license recommendations put forth by the Market Structure PIG.
- Again, it is important to align on purpose and intention.
- Overall, license expansion of "production" is most viable to start with, as these are the vast number of current operators that can be immediately brought into the regulated fold. Sustaining supply and diverting gray market competition at the same time.
- It is evident looking at other states that this is the most common and sensible strategy. While we would love to see Cannabis treated like any other industry. That is just simply not a reality currently. The learning curve around regulation is steep at best and most states that have attempted to house it in an existing body have failed to keep it there and have spent so much time and energy starting over. This hurt their industry growth and the already overburdened agency that tried to take it under its purview.
- There may be a potential to create a sub-agency within an existing department such as DOH, as mentioned in the broader findings and recommendations of this report. Yet again, it is recommended for the ultimate decision to be a process that is inclusive of both stakeholders and regulators.

## AGENDA ITEM #5 - Market Structure Recommendations:

- **PARITY IN TREATMENT** - While this sounds great in theory, Cannabis is already not treated in parity from a banking and regulatory standpoint as it stands. Can Hawaii's independent banking or a local credit union change that? Perhaps, but these things take time.
  - Although it would be wonderful in many aspects, it completely contradicts other recommendations by Task Force Working Groups and is not necessarily compatible with other limitations placed on Cannabis due to federal prohibition.
- **Recommend that the Dual Use Cannabis Task Force find clarity** - between "no limit" on licenses and the "limited" license sentiment from other PIG
- **Recommend to lower personal plant count** or in some way curb the potential of illicit activity that may come with higher personal plant counts. I am an avid supporter of Home Growing and believe that access to personally cultivated plant medicines is a Human Right. However, I can say from personal experience that 6 is plenty for personal use and 12 is the average plant count for Home Grows. 20 plants that can be grown in cycles and sizes capable today can produce a lot of Cannabis. An abundance of unregulated products may result in further market diversion. Also, I recommend exploring the definition of plant count by plant maturity (veg/bloom) to allow breeding and genetic diversification to prosper amongst some of the longest-established legacy home growers.
- **Recommendation 4** - "To avoid other states' unique challenges in the oversupply and undersupply of cannabis, the regulatory body should be given authority to manage license fees and other license requirements to manage the general number of cultivation/retail licenses in the market."
  - **SUPPORT**
- **Recommendation 5** - "The State should establish geographic indicators, appellations, or

other forms of intellectual property or branding protection, similar to the Department of Agriculture's "Seals of Quality" program and potentially in partnership with the Hawaii Tourism Authority, to protect and promote Hawaii's unique genetics and world-renown brand."

- **SUPPORT**

- **Recommendation 6** - "Similar to other states, there should be an independent regulatory body that consists of a smaller oversight board supported by a larger advisory board yielding the powers and duties to regulate and control the adult-use and medical cannabis licensing and registration programs."

- **SUPPORT**

- **CONCERN** - While I am an avid supporter of direct sales and much of my advocacy and policy work in states like California and even nationally consists of a focus on Direct to Consumer (DTC) sales. In California, these lobbying efforts have been because these small farmers have been knocked around for 5yrs by big business posturing for market capture and operating at a loss to do so.
  - The importance of DTC is important for any small farming business today. ○ This will be incredibly important once national legalization opens up as well. ○ However, specific to Cannabis, out-of-the-gate DTC sales could create a regulatory nightmare while attempting to establish a regulatory framework and monitor all the existing parts of the supply chain. I fear it will leave regulators with their hands full attempting to mitigate public safety concerns of everyone going DTC at once.
  - I think there are alternative models that can benefit everyone in the interval to full DTC sales. These solutions can be explored in the first year or two of legalization. Such as farmer's markets where licensed retailers fulfill the compliant POS requirements for farmers and still allow farmers to build direct-to-consumer relations, brand recognition, and the like as the market prepares for expansion.
- **Cooperative size and direct sales out of the gate**
  - This is an item that is concerning for various reasons. While I fully respect and advocate daily for a diversified market landscape, and come from Mendocino County where caregiving and cooperatives were my life for a long time, it is important to mitigate risk and regulatory burdens as well. Welcoming healthy competition is one thing but a free for all is another thing altogether. Too many moving parts to manage requires constant correction and a significant administrative lift when it comes to the regulation of a new, yet existing, supply chain.
    - I am working with the team at BIG to assess some models that we think will benefit all concerned groups.
    - I recommend a "slow rolled" approach to any and all expansion. Consumer sales are already modeled and relatively easy to implement as they have been established by the existing medical supply chain with rigorous compliance already in place. This is the easiest and safest place to start Adult-Use sales in my opinion. However, any cultivator should be

able to sell their product to a retailer to fulfill the testing and sale of the product through controlled environments.

- A slow-rolled approach with review by the Task Force, and any established advisory boards, on an annual, bi-annual, or quarterly basis - gives regulators a runway to establish best practices
  - It allows the market to begin the intake of products on day 1 of legalization with very little regulatory burden out of the gate.
  - It encourages immediate participation in the regulated supply chain while keeping the market accountable to testing requirements and eliminating the risk of mismanagement or market diversion
- I firmly believe the market should be expanded by license types, cooperative models, direct-to-consumer sales, farm tourism, patient access, and more. It is just a matter of time and the ability to operate/regulate these expansions in a safe and meaningful way. It should also be focused on local ownership as long as possible and help local equity operators survive while keeping large MSOs at bay.

**Thank you sincerely for your time in reading this testimony.**

## Personal Introduction:

Sam De La Paz - Strategic Consultant. Specializing in business and non-profit consulting, policy, green economics, communications, brand development, fundraising, marketing, sales, innovative solutions, and more.

Nonprofit positions include:

- VP of [Hessel Farmers Grange](#) in Sebastapol California (the first Cannabis & Hemp Farmer's Grange, under the Order of Granges, in the US)
- Board Seat for [Sonoma County Growers Alliance](#) in Sonoma County, California
- Regional Chair for Sonoma County on the Regional Council of the [Origins Council](#)
- Advisor to the [Ohana Legacy Foundation](#) based on Kauai

I have worked with many companies, and organizations spanning the green spaces of Cannabis, Hemp for sure. But my relationships span far beyond only these spaces. I have worked in and have deep ties to global leaders in sectors like Testing and Analytics, Water, Regenerative Farming, Circular Economics, Bioplastics, Travel & Tourism, Affordable Housing, and more. With a deep passion for Environmental and Social justice, I believe that we have a lot of course-correcting to do and it will take all of these sectors and more to accomplish the change we need to see. Cannabis & Hemp are at the forefront of a paradigm shift that is long overdue. Our current economic models are dysfunctional at best. The detrimental effects that we have had on our planet are evident. I hope we can work together to correct some of the environmental and societal injustices we see today.

I have a sincere passion for the sustainability and regeneration of our planet, our economic systems, and the whole of our living ecosystems. Of which, both Hawaiian Mana and the beloved Aina are near and dear to my heart. These beautiful islands bestow such gifts upon humankind. Let us help to preserve and honor the heritage, culture and legacy of Hawaii.

**Mahalo Nui for the opportunity to submit testimony today.**

**Sincerely,**

**Sam De La Paz**

References:

- [Tax Foundation Comments to the Cannabis Administration and Opportunity Act](#) ◦  
Excerpt image Attached below - Cannabis tax increases by state [Table]  
Submitted by [www.TaxFoundation.org](http://www.TaxFoundation.org) regarding proposed [Federal Cannabis Taxes](#)

**TABLE 2.**

**Federal Cannabis Tax Would Significantly Increase Tax Burden and Retail Prices**  
*Effective State Tax Rates with or without Federal Tax by State*

State	Current Effective State Tax Rate	Effective Tax Rate with Federal Tax	Tax Rate Increase with Federal Tax	Retail Price Increase with Federal Tax
Alaska	23%	27%	17%	13%
Arizona	24%	36%	31%	20%
California	30%	39%	24%	18%
Connecticut (a)	27%	32%	17%	15%
Colorado	24%	32%	25%	20%
Illinois	27%	37%	26%	20%
Maine	21%	29%	26%	17%
Massachusetts	20%	31%	36%	20%
Michigan	16%	27%	41%	20%
Montana	23%	34%	33%	20%
Nevada	25%	34%	24%	20%
New Jersey (b)	24%	30%	21%	15%
New Mexico	20%	31%	36%	20%
New York (a)	27%	34%	19%	16%
Oregon	20%	31%	36%	20%
South Dakota	21%	33%	34%	20%
Vermont	23%	34%	32%	20%
Virginia	30%	41%	27%	20%
Washington	43%	54%	20%	20%

Note: Calculation based on average market price (\$1,309 per pound) in Colorado from July 1, 2021. Prices assumed to be uniform nationwide. Assumed uniform production and retail prices between states.

(a) 20% THC assumed  
(b) \$30 tax burden  
Source: State statistics



- [Cannabis vs the Constitution](#): Recent Article on the potential effects of Dormant Commerce Clause and Equity
- [The casualties of California legalizing pot - The Washington Post](#) ●  
[Cannabis Farmers Struggle despite booming industry](#)
- [Inside California's Cannabis Crisis - Rolling Stone](#)
- [Cannabis Farmers at increased risk of taking own lives](#)
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September 18, 2022

To: Dual Use Task Force via omccr@doh.hawaii.gov

From: David C. Cole, Co-founder & General Manager

Re: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT AGENDA ITEM III, MEDICAL USE WORKING GROUP

*On August 8, 2017, Maui Grown Therapies (MGT) became the first dispensary in Hawai'i licensed by the Department of Health pursuant to HRS 329D to cultivate, manufacture and dispense medical cannabis products and services to registered patients.*

MGT fully embraces the objectives and recommendations of the Medical Use Working Group and proposes the following additions for consideration by the Task Force:

i) Chronic Conditions. Eliminate the requirement for costly recertification for patients suffering from chronic conditions. Act 116 (SLH 2018) took a step in this direction when DOH was authorized to extend the validity of 329 certifications for up to three years with the consent of the patient and their physician or APRN. However, DOH has restricted the validity of chronic condition certifications to 2 years or less. Patients frequently complain about the expense and hassle of recertification and often ask why the statutory three year certification is unavailable.

ii) Home Grown Plants. Patients need safe, legal, and pesticide-free access to verifiable cultivars for their home grows. At present, patients have no legal means for sourcing seeds and clones ('propagules'). At the request of our patients, MGT has worked with legislators to add propagules as an allowable product category for dispensing to patients. Although well received by numerous legislative committees, the propagules measure has yet to become law. See the attached email seeking DOH support for this for this initiative.

Bottom line: extraordinary care is required to maintain the 'dual' in dual use. History shows that when states with viable medical cannabis sectors legalize recreational use, the medical sector suffers and often dies. Even Colorado, the state with the longest record administering a dual use system, just reported that medical cannabis revenue in July 2022 reached the lowest monthly number since dual use retail went into effect in January 2014. *If the recommendations of the Medical Use Working Group are enacted into law, Hawai'i could become the first state to embrace recreational use while continuing to serve the special needs of cannabis patients.*

Mahalo for your consideration.

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From: David C Cole  
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Subject: Patient Access to Affordable, Quality-Assured Cannabis Propagules  
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Aloha Michele & Dani,

Congratulations to you and your colleagues at the Department for standing up the Covid-19 vaccination program in Hawai'i. Mahalo nui!

As you know, the economic pressures wrought by the virus have led many patients to seek ways to procure their cannabis in a manner that is both legal and economical. I write to you now because over 300 of Maui Grown's patients have requested access to controlled plant materials from our dispensary. Unfortunately, because propagative material is not included on the list of products licensed dispensaries may manufacture and distribute, we are unable to meet their needs – leaving patients with no alternative other than to turn to the illicit market to obtain questionable and often contaminated genetic material to propagate their registered plants. (Note: Dani, you will shortly begin receiving signed post cards from our patients on this matter).

Before the 2020 legislative session was suspended last March, Maui Grown Therapies supported a cannabis 'propagules' measure that cleared four House committees before crossing over to the Senate as HB2633 HD2.

[https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/Archives/measure\\_indiv\\_Archives.aspx?billtype=HB&billnumber=2633&year=2020](https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/Archives/measure_indiv_Archives.aspx?billtype=HB&billnumber=2633&year=2020)

Indeed, the joint report of the Judiciary and Consumer Protection & Commerce Committees included the following language:

"Your Committees find that patients and primary caregivers cultivating medical cannabis at a registered grow site under the State's medical cannabis registry program have no legal means of obtaining safe, laboratory-tested genetic material from which to propagate their plants. In other words, patients have no means to legally buy the material to grow cannabis. Existing law often requires patients or their primary caregivers to obtain propagules, cuttings, or other cannabis genetic material from the illicit market. Amending the State's medical cannabis dispensary system law will allow qualifying patients to access safe and quality-assured medical cannabis and medical cannabis products." *{Emphasis added}*

Importantly, the medical dispensary system created by the legislature in 2015\* did not intend to sunset the ability for qualified patients to cultivate a limited number of cannabis plants for their personal use (although the law established sunset provisions for caregivers in anticipation of the dispensary system ultimately meeting the needs of qualified patients for safe, laboratory tested products).

By amending Chapter 329D to allow propagative material to be sold to registered medical cannabis patients by licensed dispensaries, the Department would gain a transparent channel for

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the distribution of such products. Most importantly, because propagative material dispensed by licensed dispensaries would be precisely identified and subject to mandatory testing for the presence of contaminants, registered patients choosing to grow at home could rest assured their plants are accurately characterized and safe.

Attached find the Department's testimony regarding HB2633 HD2 as delivered to the House Finance Committee on February 19, 2020. The Department evidently appreciated the measure's intent, but opposed the overall bill.

To help inform the next iteration of a propagules bill, we propose examining the regulations governing propagules in Colorado, the state with longest track record regulating the provision of medical cannabis. Page 202 in the attached Code of Colorado Regulations (1- CCR 212-3) reads in part:

Sales Limitations.

1.
  1. ....
  2. A Medical Marijuana Store and its employees shall not sell more than:
    1. Six Immature plants unless the patient has designated the Medical Marijuana Store as his or her primary center and supplied it with documentation from the patient's physician allowing the patient more than six plants;
    2. Six half of the patient's extended plant count to a patient who has designated the Medical Marijuana Store as his or her primary center and supplied it with documentation from the patient's physician allowing the patient more than six plants; or
    3. Six Medical Marijuana plant seeds unless the patient has designated the Medical Marijuana Store as his or her primary center and supplied it with documentation from the patient's physician allowing the patient more than six Medical Marijuana seeds. One Medical Marijuana plant is equivalent to one Medical Marijuana seed.

We believe Colorado's example can serve as starting point for a new propagules bill and respectfully request your guidance on key provisions required to secure the Department's support in the upcoming legislative session.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Best wishes for 2021.

David Cole  
Co-Founder & General Manager  
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To: STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
OFFICE OF MEDICAL CANNABIS CONTROL & REGULATION  
Dual Use of Cannabis Task Force

September 18, 2022

**Aloha Cannabis Task Force members,**

Please accept my Testimony regarding:

## **II. Social Equity**

The social equity programs discussed in the Social Equity Working Group Mission Statement would be of great benefit to those who have suffered under the draconian **cannabis** laws of the past, and I complement the work the Task Force has accomplished,

I would like to see Hawaii's small farming families and businesses included with those who will receive special social equity considerations. **Cannabis** is an agricultural crop, so including farmers is natural. Small diverse family farms are struggling in Hawaii, and large corporate farms, and out-of-state corporations have benefited from Hawaii's laws, as well as Hawaii's weather and rich volcanic soils.

**Hawaii government needs to focus on the real dangers of a food emergency arising at any moment.** In order help Hawaii's self-sustainability, many folks are suggesting that giving thousands of Hawaii's small farmers licenses to grow enough **cannabis** to supplement their income, as long as they produce a food crop for our local markets, would keep many small family farms growing! 🧑🌾🌿👍

This would also give rise to thousands of ancillary businesses, packaging, testing, and creating a wide range of **Hawaiian grown cannabis** products. 🧑🌾🧑🌾🌿📦💚

Hawaii does NEED self-sustainability, especially considering the recent disruptions in the global supply chains! We need bold programs to grow our food ... for when the boats stop coming.

**Mahalo for your kind consideration,**

Mary Whispering Wind  
Hilo, HI

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My name is Me Fuimaono-Poe I am a Family Nurse Practitioner and the founder of the Malie Cannabis Clinic.

I am testifying about agenda item 2, social equity.

I have spent most of my adult life encouraging cannabis as medicine. I always envisioned a time when cannabis was legal. I marched, testified, protested, and met with several people in leadership in our state. Now that legalizing cannabis is possible and achievable, I want to express how important it is that we get it right!

For the past 6 years, I have been all over the country exploring their legal markets, and to be honest I am not impressed. Large corporations known as MSO's (Multi State Operators) have taken over the cannabis market and sued states for the right to create a monopoly. If we allow that to happen here our patients will be unable to access affordable medicine, unlike now where they access cannabis through multiple sources.

We have an opportunity to create something truly unique and different here. We can create a market that actually benefits locals. Instead of creating another market that benefits off shore companies with only low wages for local workers.

I support a market structure that puts Native Hawaiians and survivors of the war on cannabis first. Small farms that allow direct to consumer sales, deliveries that are owned by equity applicants and consumption lounges on farms that are enjoyed by locals and tourists.

I know that a future that invests in locals and creates a thriving community is possible through good legislation.

Thank you for your time



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**DUAL USE OF CANNABIS TASK FORCE**

MEETING 6: September 19, 2022

TESTIMONY ON AGENDA ITEMS II and III

Clifton Otto, MD

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

**II. Report from Social Equity Working Group**

*MISSION STATEMENT:*

*To identify Hawaii communities and populations disproportionately impacted by cannabis criminalization and make recommendations for social equity and restorative justice policies that would help to reduce and remediate past and ongoing disparities, including equity in the market, community reinvestment, and expungement and resentencing.*

How can there be social equity when those who have been disproportionately criminalized for cannabis under state law will now be criminalized for cannabis under federal law?

This report is relying upon the non-enforcement of federal law and annual renewal of the Rohrabacher-Farr appropriations rider which only covers state medical programs.

See [Blumenauer-McClintock-Norton-Lee Amendment](#).

These measures do not remove the negative consequences that befall patients and consumers who must violate federal law to participate in a state program.

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*Recommendations: Service Equity*

*Due to the Controlled Substance Act Schedule I status of cannabis as absolutely illegal at both a federal and state level, a number of knock-on effects of cannabis use or proximity can have dramatic, negative, life-changing effects on even those who have a medical 329 card in Hawaii, let alone those who would legally use or possess cannabis under a dual-use regime. Accordingly, this section focuses on those areas where state statutes can address many of these inequities and ensure that participation in the dual-use system does not otherwise penalize a legal activity.*

Not only are state statutes difficult to create and enact, but they will not apply to federal activities or federal employees.

**>> Recommend that the Legislature and the next Governor of Hawaii take further steps to end the federal conflict with marijuana and protect the State's authority over the intrastate use of cannabis.**

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*Recommendations: Cannabis Justice Reform*

*1. Level of Legalization*

*Recommendation: Cannabis in Hawaii should be completely legalized and descheduled subject to the civil licensing restrictions for cultivation, production, sell, transport, consumption, and other plant-touching activities as recommended here-in and enforced by an independent regulatory authority.*

NED will likely not support the state descheduling of cannabis as long as marijuana remains in federal Schedule I. In the meantime, a state exemption creates limited descheduling at the state level while preserving NED's authority over unauthorized use.

See recent [ruling](#) on Nevada's state Schedule I classification. Nevada's [UCSA](#) uses the term "accepted medical use" as scheduling criteria. Hawaii's [UCSA](#) does not.

**>>> Recommend that the Legislature extend the current scheduling exemption for the state authorized non-drug use of cannabis to include adult use.**

### **III. Report from Medical Use Working Group**

*Summary of Findings*

*The Medical Use Permitted Interaction Group relied primarily on the results of a confidential online, [rapid survey](#) deployed to the Hawaii DOH Medical Cannabis Patient Registry and medical providers.*

**>>> Percent negatively impacted by federal conflict with marijuana:**

**Patients: 25%**

**Providers: 22%**

**>>> No recommendation to do something directly about the federal conflict?**

*Recommendations: Medical Considerations*

*1. Recommend legislation that requires healthcare facilities to allow the use of medical cannabis on their premises for terminally ill patients.*

>>> [CHAPTER 4.9](#). Compassionate Access to Medical Cannabis Act or Ryan's Law  
(2) The meaning of "health care facility" shall not include a chemical dependency recovery hospital or a state hospital.

2. Recommend higher THC content in medical use products.

3. Recommend delivery services.

4. Recommend the elimination of a state-determined list of qualifying conditions.

5. Recommend medical cannabis patients retain their right to grow.

>>> **Recommend formal protection of collectives.**

6. Recommend patients remain exempt from any new taxes.

7. Recommend same testing standards currently provided by law.

>>> **Recommend overhaul of current testing program.**

8. Recommend a dedicated inventory for medical patients.

9. Recommend existing licensees will continue to operate without disruption.

>>> **Recommend separate licensing for medical and adult use production.**

10. Recommend expanded production and wholesale limits.

>>> **Recommend creating a seed bank for patients.**

>>> **Recommend that dispensaries sell seeds and plants.**

>>> **Recommend that certifying providers decide what is an adequate supply.**

*Recommendations: Patient Protections*

1. Recommend legislation for employment protections.

>>> Would not apply to federal employees or employers under federal contracts.

2. Recommend legislative change to protect the right to own permitted firearms.

>>> Would not apply to ATF restrictions.

3. Recommend legislation that permits traveling between counties within the state.

>>> HDOT would not cooperate with transport through federal airspace.

4. *Recommend legislation that permits reimbursement for medical cannabis products.*  
>>> No CMS code for certification evaluations and no prescription botanical cannabis.

>>> **None of these recommendations would work with federal conflict**

>>> **Recommend that patients receive public education on the nature of the doctor-patient relationship they are required to have with their certifying provider under state law.**

*Recommendations: Patient & Public Health Education*

1. *Recommend the state DOH develop a robust education campaign aimed to reduce ignorance and stigma surrounding the medical use of cannabis for medical professionals, healthcare administrators, and insurance providers.*

2. *Recommend the state DOH develop and deploy a public health education campaign about medical cannabis use, safety considerations, and how to identify signs of psychological dependence.*

3. *Recommend the University of Hawai'i John A Burns School of Medicine include evidence-based and unbiased medical cannabis education as part of its curriculum for medical professionals similar to the [National Council on State Boards of Nursing's 2018 recommendation for Caring for the Medical Marijuana Patient](#).*

>>> See [HRS 321-30.1](#)

>>> See [SB1024 \(SLH 2021\)](#)

>>> **Recommend guidelines for certifying providers from Hawaii Medical Board.**

>>> **Recommend mandatory education for certifying providers.**

>>> **Recommend Medical Cannabis Advisory Board.**

>>> **Recommend Cannabinoid Medicine Specialist in Department of Cannabis Regulation.**

>>> Would you support action on [HCR132](#) as Governor?

LG Aiona: NO

LG Green: YES

>>> **Recommend that the Legislature and the next Governor of Hawaii take further action to end the federal conflict with marijuana and protect the state authorized use of cannabis.**

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More better you spend sa money on fixing HOMELESSNESS... marijuana is non-toxic . You all are wasting our time and money. As I always say, makes me sad for the children's future & I am glad I never brought any into this confused world. So sad ya'll take soooo long to wake up... enjoy what you create.

Blessings,

Dori

"Shine On; Let Your Light Fill Up This World Till Dawn"

John Cruz

On Monday, September 12, 2022, 09:12:46 AM HST, Medical Cannabis Registry Program <[medicalcannabis@doh.hawaii.gov](mailto:medicalcannabis@doh.hawaii.gov)> wrote:

**Aloha,**

The Office of Medical Cannabis Control & Regulation has convened a task force to explore the development of a dual system program (medical cannabis use and adult cannabis use) including the impacts of the legalization of cannabis on qualifying patients pursuant to [SLH, 2021, Act 169](#).

**The meeting is scheduled for MONDAY, September 19, 2022, from 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. (HST).**

The Task Force members will be meeting remotely using zoom and we will provide a physical location for the public to participate in and view the meeting.

**The AGENDA for the September 19, 2022 meeting can be found [HERE](#)**

We hope you will be able to attend, and we invite you to join us in the following ways:

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Aloha

Sorry I don't have the agenda list.

I just wanted to say that it should be limited to those over 23 years old as the brain is continuing to grow until then!!

I believe that full legalization is inevitable but we MUST educate everyone on the use, abuse and how it affects learning and self motivation!

Also, educate about how any kind of substance that affects "perceptions" will, over time, have the effects reduce and require more and more to regain the effects the substance produces!! This is why some people become addicted to HARD drugs!!!

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Could you please replace the testimony I sent in today with the following testimony. I found some spelling and grammar errors, otherwise it's the same

Aloha, Sanford Hill

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Testifying to the following agenda items in Sept. 19, 2022 Office of Medical Cannabis Control and Regulation hearing :

Sept 19 2022 Testimony Agenda items:

II. Report on the investigation findings of the Social Equity Working Group, Co-Chairs Randy Gonce and Garrett Halydier

III. Report on the investigation findings of the Medical Use Working Group, Co-Chairs Terilynne Gorman and Nikos Leverenz

IV. Task Force Member discussion of the investigation findings of the Tax Working Group

V. Task Force Member discussion of the investigation findings of the Market Structure Working Group

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I have been attending and testifying at the [State Office of Medical Cannabis Control & Regulation](#) Task force hearing exploring the development of a dual system program for medical cannabis use and adult cannabis use. I believe they are ignoring the elephant in the room.

The State Task Force will make recommendations to Hawaii's Legislators on how to produce, distribute and tax both legalized medical and adult (recreational) cannabis. By the task force's own guesstimate only \$50 million of the 250 million dollars in Hawaii cannabis sales came from the legal medical marijuana industry. That means that even though it is fairly easy to get a medical marijuana card, there is still 200 million dollars in illegal weed sales. The task force estimates that illegal weed sells for about \$100.00 an ounce while dispensary marijuana sells for \$275.00 to \$300.00 an ounce. How can the legal cannabis industry compete with a much older established illegal Hawaii marijuana industry that does not have the overhead or taxes they do? I don't believe they can.

Weed

"Maui Wowie, The Beginning"



Hana Harvest 1976

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50 years ago I was one of a few people who created high potency Marijuana in Hawaii. By 1975 I was growing commercially in Nakihu, Maui. I grew commercially in Hana, Maui for many years and unlike other growers I documented and photographed it. By 1977 my pakalolo was named "Maui Wowie" by the folks who bought it like Willie Nelson and Kriss Kristofferson. The rest is history as Maui Wowie became the world's most well-known strain of cannabis. You can find more information about the beginning of the cannabis industry in Hawaii at my "mauitales.com" website or the 8 page feature in the current internationally published magazine "Broccoli".

Most illegal commercial marijuana growers work hard to make sure their weed is totally organic with no pesticides. I would bet that the buds I grew would pass or exceed the current quality and potency standards of medical cannabis. Hawaii's cannabis became famous because people thought it was the best. To me, dispensary marijuana is not as good as what I grew 40 years ago. It's like industrial weed or house wine. People want the good stuff especially if it's cheaper. Of course we grew old school; long season, outdoors in the sunlight without clones, hydroponics, or grow lights. This type of growing has to be made legal again.



We also know that using law enforcement to stop illegal growing does not work. They threw billions of dollars at eliminating the illegal weed industry in Hawaii and it just got bigger. Law enforcement and the National Guard spent hundreds of thousands just trying to find my buds. It will be very hard to use law enforcement on black market growers once the adult use of cannabis is legal.



The only way the legal cannabis industry in Hawaii can succeed is to bring the black market growers into it. Hawaii's illegal growers are already very successful and branded. They don't need the legal cannabis industry to thrive; they have been doing it for decades. I'm not talking about small homegrown people, but the larger Hawaii growers who have been selling their buds for generations. The state would have to make it worthwhile for Hawaii's outlaw growers to go legit and that won't be easy. They have been persecuted, demonized, and hunted for generations. They do not trust the government or the legal cannabis industry.



If Hawaii can find a way to bring the already famous and branded outlaw growers into it's legal cannabis industry it would explode the demand for Hawaii cannabis products around the world. Hawaii could use the profits to make sure that Hawaii's kamaaina get the highest quality cannabis at the lowest cost. This would require innovative and creative solutions that the current task force is not looking at or maybe not ready for.



There are many hard questions to answer. We know the current medical marijuana dispensary model will be obsolete once adult use is legalized. Hawaii needs to look toward the future legal use of cannabis by going back to Hawaii's cannabis roots. Hawaii's legal cannabis industry will not be successful without including the decades of success of the illegal growers who created Hawaii's cannabis industry.



Sanford Hill is a Hawaii born critically acclaimed internationally published writer and photographer. He has a 1974 AA and 2007 BA degree from the University of Hawaii Maui and Manoa. He is currently working on a book titled "[Maui Tales](#)" based on his photography and life on Maui during the 1970's. He is 71 years old and lives in Lahaina, Maui.

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I am currently visiting family in New Mexico where cannabis is legal for both medicinal and adult recreational use. I have my 329 card from Hawaii. I went to a dispensary and presented my 329 card and was asked if I wanted to apply for a reciprocal card that allowed me to purchase cannabis at a medicinal use cost. I did and 15 minutes later, with no cost, I had my NM reciprocal card. This saved me a 20% tax. Pretty big difference!

Applying a greater tax for non-medicinal users is an acceptable way to increase revenue for the state. NM also has product specifically designated for medicinal users insuring that recreational users will not consume the medicine for those who rely on it.

Also a regulation HI can adopt.

I hope during these discussions a wider variety of product can be discussed for HI as well. Wax/shatter/etc products are too strong for my preference. Plus the paraphernalia required makes me feel like a junkie (blow torches, glass pipes, etc). Smoking the flower has its lung risks. Gummies or low dose edibles would be wonderful!! In NM I can get a bag of 25 4mg gummies for \$19+tax. I think a lot of us would prefer ingesting smaller amounts to treat our conditions if possible.

Also, I am not sure why I can register to grow cannabis but cannot get seeds or clones from a dispensary. Where are we supposed to get legal starters? Addressing this matter and creating a legal and reliable source would also be beneficial to all users.

I support legalizing adult use as I would rather deal with stoners than drunks. And I support having a higher tax for adult use to help the states resources for locals. I do not support cannabis taxes being used for any type tourist programs. It should be kept in the local communities. Possibly used to help with the ice/meth problem, reintregation services when people are released from jail, or social services for low-income individuals and families. We have to treat the problem areas FIRST.

I really appreciate you for allowing us to provide input and keeping us updated on your schedule!

Mahalo,  
Tish Lunsford

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Aloha,

I am writing to expressed support for dual use of cannabis in Hawaii. As a medical user and also previously a non-medical user for over 40 years I would say that it is helpful and the benefits for exceed any negative impact by users. Please support legislation for dual use of cannabis in Hawaii. Other states have done so and are benefiting from this usage.

Mahalo, John Delpit, Keaau, Hi

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“ My name is Athena DeRasmo. I am submitting testimony on Dual Use 9/19/22 on agenda item II, Social Equity.”

I support the Hawaii Cannabis Hui’s 4-Point Plan:

We are opposed and say NO to corporate profit driven plantation-style cannabis farms.

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Thank you

Athena DeRasmo, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96825

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I write on behalf of the Hawaii Cannabis Hui--Hawaii's only nonprofit citizen group exclusively dedicated to getting cannabis legalization right by prioritizing social equity before all other business interests.

The Hui appreciates the efforts of the Task Force members of the Social Equity working group. We appreciate the efforts they made to hold public meetings--even though public attendance was poor to non-existent due to time constraints.

The Hui did everything we could to support turnout. In some cases, Moloka'i certainly, lack of turnout itself was a clear message that the existing medical collective and cooperative model is working fine and stakeholders don't see a need for legalization following the failed model of California and the other states.

We appreciate the work that went into the long thoughtful report. Many of its ideas would be worthy additions to a functional state regulatory system that prioritized social equity over all other business concerns.

But the report does not call for that. And we have no confidence at all that the legislature will head in that direction without firm guidance.

We are steadfast in our support of our Hawai'i Cannabis Hui's 4-Point Plan:

- We are opposed and say NO to corporate profit-driven plantation-style cannabis farms.
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Without these 4 points your social equity proposal is meaningless and your legalization plans insult Hawaiians and other survivors of the war on drugs, and must be defeated.

We will not stand by and watch Hawaii "botch" legalization as did the US as explained by [Forbes Magazine](#).

We will not stand by and watch social equity be used as an excuse to justify corporate plantation profits.

If you are concerned about over-incarceration of Native Hawaiians and other survivors of the state and federal war on "drugs" (really a war on some **people** who do some drugs sometimes), then simply decriminalize. Stop arresting and incarcerating people for drugs. Treat drugs like the public health issue that they are, and get them out of the criminal justice system.

Using "social equity"/over-incarceration as an excuse to "legalize" corporate plantation profits is cynical and counter-productive. We will not abide such an abuse of power in the name of demonstrably bad policy. Not all legalization is good legalization. We must support local diversified small scale production and retail--that is the fundamental route to true social equity. From there you can build on additional safeguards and incentives.

But failing that, no amount of window-dressing adjustments to a flawed system will make it equitable or just.

We urge you to make pono recommendations based on reality, not based on greed with thinly-veiled and illogical "social equity" exemptions to a system that favors big money and huge environmentally unsound scale.

Yours very truly,

James Anthony  
Chair, Hawaii Cannabis Hui



James Anthony

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My name is Damon Charette. I am submitting testimony on Dual Use 9/19/22 on agenda item II, Social Equity.”

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- Agenda Item #2

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I am submitting testimony for Agenda item #2 for the Dual Use September 19 meeting regarding Social Equity.

I support the Hawaii cannabis Huis 4 point plan.

- 1) We are opposed and say no to corporate, profit driven large scale plantation farms.
- 2) We say Yes to small farms owned by native hawaiians and local (family) farms. These farms should have a 5000 square foot limit and also promote varied & diversified agriculture
- 3) we say yes to unlimited retail for small farms with the ability to sell directly to the consumer as well as licensed dispensaries.
- 4) we say yes to holding licensed corporations accountable to the community for annual reports for environmental impact, best labor practices, and social justice for survivors of the war on drugs. If they aren't trying to help the community in some way that gives back, then their licenses should not be renewed.

We are trying to grow legitimate medicine and corporate profit driven style cannabis models are garbage and generally produce low grade medicine. People and farmers want this plant in their own hands to grow, not corporations

Aloha

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- Agenda Item #3

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My name is Earlyn Worley. I am submitting testimony on Dual Use September 19, 2022 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. on agenda item II, Social Equity.”

III. Report on the investigation findings of the Medical Use Working Group, Co-Chairs Terilynne Gorman and Nikos Leverenz

How many native Hawaiians (Kanaka Maoli) were assigned to this task force? Why or why not?

Personally,

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Mahalo for the oppty to testify

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Aloha, I am Noelani Puniwai and I am submitting testimony on Dual Use 9/19/22 Meeting Agenda Item II, Social Equity. I support the Hawai'i Cannabis Hui's 4-Point Plan:

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ke aloha aina  
Noelani Puniwai

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“ My name is Jason Liu. I am submitting testimony on Dual Use 9/19/22 on agenda item II, Social Equity.”

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My name is Mark Tamosiunas. I am submitting testimony on Dual Use 9/19/22 on agenda item II, Social Equity.

I support the Hawaii Cannabis Hui's 4-Point Plan:

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Aloha,  
Mark T.

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9/19/22 Meeting Agenda Item II, Social Equity.

Aloha, my name is Phyllis Cayan. This is my testimony on Dual Use 9/19/22 Meeting Agenda Item II, Social Equity.

I support the Hawai'i Cannabis Hui's 4-Point Plan:

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Mahalo for your positive agreement.

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Aloha,

My name is Lilikalā Kame'eleihiwa. I am submitting testimony on Dual Use 9/19/22 Meeting Agenda Item II, Social Equity.

I support the Hawai'i Cannabis Hui's 4-Point Plan:

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Mahalo for hearing my testimony.

Sincerely,

Lilikalā Kame'eleihiwa

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My name is Alex Wong. I am a 329 patient and caregiver.

I am submitting testimony on Dual Use 9/19/22 Meeting Agenda Item II, Social Equity.

Mainland/Haole/Corporate-Owned cannabis dispensaries will not benefit the people and residents of Hawaii. It will only exacerbate the widening wealth gap and enable further gentrification of the Hawaiian islands. The money and profits will leave the State of Hawaii and benefit many haole companies who are based out of other states and other countries. Yes, the government may get its cut via taxes, but as we all know the government is wasteful and inefficient with the reallocation of tax dollars. The residents and medical patients and growers will lose out immensely if the political agenda is to push EVERYONE to the dispensary. You MUST ensure that medical patients' rights to grow for themselves and for other patients is protected and preserved in perpetuity.

Make tourists, haole transplants, and non-Hawaiian entities pay the premium price to operate in the legal Hawaiian cannabis industry. They can afford to pay the premium price, and doing business as a haole in Hawaii is a privilege and a luxury. Levy a tax similar to the Transient Accommodations Tax (TAT) which will shift the financial burden onto those who are purchasing and imbibing cannabis for ANY OTHER REASON BUT MEDICINAL USE and who are not FULL TIME RESIDENTS in the State of Hawaii.

Discontinue the use of the term "Recreational Cannabis". It is IRRESPONSIBLE to label the plant, and its many healthful, and beneficial products as such. If we do not call legal alcohol sales "Recreational" then why would we call cannabis sales "Recreational". The State of Hawaii is RESPONSIBLE for minimizing the incidence of tourists, transplants, and local residents from using the plant medicine/cannabis, in any way other than positive, healing, spiritual, uplifting, and peaceful means. We cannot afford more dumb and carefree tourists and transplants causing accidents and treating Hawaii as their tropical vacation playground where they can act and behave without respect or consequence.

I support the Hawai'i Cannabis Hui's 4-Point Plan:

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Mahalo,  
Alex Wong

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My name is Kim Caesar. I am submitting testimony on Dual Use 9/19/22 on agenda item II, Social Equity.”

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Thank you

Kim Caesar

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My name is Stewart Dupre. I am submitting testimony on Dual Use 9/19/22 Meeting Agenda Item II, Social Equity. I support the Hawai'i Cannabis Hui's 4-Point Plan:

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Stewart Dupre  
Hilo HI 96720

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My name is Seth Womble. I am submitting testimony on Dual Use 9/19/22 on agenda item II, Social Equity.”

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Seth Womble

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My name is Tia Case. I am submitting testimony on Dual Use 9/19/22 Meeting Agenda Item II, Social Equity.

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Aloha,

My name is Hylie Santos and I am a medical patient. I am submitting testimony on Dual Use 9/19/22 on agenda item II, Social Equity.

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Mahalo for your time,  
Hylie

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My name is Maile Lambeth. I am submitting testimony on Dual Use 9/19/22 Meeting Agenda Item II, Social Equity.

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My name is Patrice Walker. I am a kupuna with a medical cannabis license. I am submitting testimony on Dual Use 9/19/22 meeting on agenda item II, Social Equity.”

Given the history of rich, white-owned plantations on the Hawaiian islands which did nothing to help Native Hawaiians, I can't believe you had no Native Hawaiians on the Social Equity task force. That is an absolute insult of the highest order, and you should be ashamed. Perhaps because I'm African American, I can more clearly see the injustice of this slap in the face of Native Hawaiians.

As a result, I support the Hawaii Cannabis Hui's 4-Point Plan:

1. I am opposed and say NO to corporate profit-driven plantation-style cannabis farms.
2. I say YES to small farms owned by Native Hawaiians and local, legacy, farmers. These small farms should have a 5K sq. ft canopy cap and also promote diversified agriculture.
3. I say YES to unlimited retail for small farms. Ability to sell direct-to-consumer and to licensed dispensaries.
4. I say YES to holding licensed corporations accountable to the community for annual reports on environmental impact, best labor practices, and social justice for survivors of the war on drugs.

If these large, white-owned corporations aren't helping the community, do not renew their licenses. Neo-colonialism is bad enough in the tourist industry. Don't let it extend to the cannabis industry.

Respectfully submitted  
Patrice Walker  
Kaneohe-Kahalu'u

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Native Hawaiian voices need to be heard!  
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My name is Malia Connor. I am submitting testimony on Dual Use 9/19/22 on agenda item II, Social Equity.

I support the Hawaii Cannabis Hui's 4-Point Plan: We are opposed and say NO to corporate profit driven plantation-style cannabis farms.

We say YES to small farms owned by Native Hawaiians and local, legacy, farmers. These small farms should have a 5K sq. ft canopy cap and also promote diversified agriculture. We say YES to unlimited retail for small farms. Ability to sell direct-to-consumer and to licensed dispensaries. We say YES to holding licensed corporations accountable to the community for annual reports on environmental impact, best labor practices, and social justice for survivors of the war on drugs. If they aren't helping the community, do not renew their licenses.

*I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel. -Maya Angelou*

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My name is Rusty Tapp. I am submitting testimony on Dual Use 9/19/22 Meeting Agenda Item II, Social Equity.

- Existing licensed hemp producers and Hawaii state hemp processors should be recognized as already meeting state and federal criteria for cannabis production. Hemp rules should be revised and expanded to include THC and create a regulatory path for new market entrants.
- We are opposed and say NO to corporate profit-driven plantation-style cannabis farms. We support “home grow” a limited canopy or number of plants for personal use.
- We say YES to small farms owned by Native Hawaiians and local, legacy, farmers. These small farms should have a 5,000 sq.ft. canopy limit and promote diversified agriculture.
- We say YES to unlimited retail for small farms. Ability to sell direct-to-consumer and to licensed dispensaries. Commercial agriculture activity is limited to zoned commercial land. Manufacturing requires meeting existing land use, building code and department of health food safety requirements for processing of cannabis and cannabis derived products.
- We say YES to holding licensed corporations accountable to the community for annual reports on environmental impact, best labor practices, and social justice for survivors of the war on drugs. If they aren’t helping the community, do not renew their licenses.
- We support third party testing and labeling requirements for products that enter the stream of commerce.
- We do not support growing the footprint of the current 8 licensees. We do not support additional retail or cultivation sites for the existing 8 licensees that have had a 5 year first mover advantage. We support new additional retail licensing to allow for fair market competition.

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My name is Celia Tapp. I am submitting testimony on Dual Use 9/19/22 Meeting Agenda Item II, Social Equity.

- We are opposed and say NO to corporate profit-driven plantation-style cannabis farms. We support “home grow” a limited canopy or number of plants for personal use.
- We say YES to small farms owned by Native Hawaiians and local, legacy, farmers. These small farms should have a 5,000 sq.ft. canopy limit and promote diversified agriculture.
- We say YES to unlimited retail for small farms. Ability to sell direct-to-consumer and to licensed dispensaries. Commercial agriculture activity is limited to zoned commercial land. Manufacturing requires meeting existing land use, building code and department of health food safety requirements for processing of cannabis and cannabis derived products.
- We say YES to holding licensed corporations accountable to the community for annual reports on environmental impact, best labor practices, and social justice for survivors of the war on drugs. If they aren’t helping the community, do not renew their licenses.
- We support third party testing and labeling requirements for products that enter the stream of commerce.
- We do not support growing the footprint of the current 8 licensees. We do not support additional retail or cultivation sites for the existing 8 licensees that have had a 5 year first mover advantage. We support new additional retail licensing to allow for fair market competition.

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“My name is Shayne Pung. I am submitting testimony on Dual Use 9/19/22 on agenda item II, Social Equity.”

I support the Hawaii Cannabis hui’s 4 point plan:

- We are opposed and say NO to corporate profit driven plantation-style cannabis farms.
- We say YES to small farms owned by Native Hawaiians and local, legacy, farmers. These small farms should have a 5k sq ft. canopy cap and also promote diversified agriculture.
- We say YES to unlimited retail for small farms. Ability to sell direct to consumers and and to licensed dispensaries.
- We say YES to holding licensed corporations accountable to the community for annual reports on environmental impact, best labor practices, and social justice for survivors on the war on drugs. If they aren’t helping the community do not renew they’re license.

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My name is William Plunkett. I am submitting testimony on Dual Use 9/19/22 on agenda item II, Social Equity.”

I support the Hawaii Cannabis Hui’s 4-Point Plan:

I am opposed and say NO to corporate profit driven plantation-style cannabis farms.

I say YES to small farms owned by Native Hawaiians and local, legacy, farmers. These small farms should have a 5K sq. ft canopy cap and also promote diversified agriculture.

I say YES to unlimited retail for small farms. Ability to sell direct-to-consumer and to licensed dispensaries.

I say YES to holding licensed corporations accountable to the community for annual reports on environmental impact, best labor practices, and social justice for survivors of the war on drugs. If they aren’t helping the community, do not renew their licenses.

The native Hawaiians and locals deserve representation and protection of their opportunities to participate in the cannabis industry. Please don’t allow big business to crush our opportunity to make a living cultivating and sharing the plant that we love and believe in.

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Aloha Members of the Dual Task Force. My name is Richard Ng and I am submitting testimony on Dual Use 9/19/22 Meeting Agenda Item II, Social Equity.

As a member of the Hawaii Cannabis Hui, a Kānaka Maoli who was born and raised in Hawaii and someone who has worked on cannabis social equity initiatives for the last 5 plus years including working with the City Administrator's office with the City of Oakland providing Technical Assistance to Social Equity Applicants I strongly support the Hawai'i Cannabis Hui's 4-Point Plan:

- We are opposed and say NO to corporate profit-driven plantation-style cannabis farms.
- We say YES to small farms owned by Native Hawaiians and local, legacy, farmers. These small farms should have a 5K sq. ft canopy cap and also promote diversified agriculture.
- We say YES to unlimited retail for small farms. Ability to sell direct-to-consumer and to licensed dispensaries.
- We say YES to holding licensed corporations accountable to the community for annual reports on environmental impact, best labor practices, and social justice for survivors of the war on drugs. If they aren't helping the community, do not renew their licenses.

Without these 4 points your social equity proposal is meaningless and your legalization plans insult Hawaiians, and other survivors of the war on drugs, and must be defeated.

Hawaii's cannabis industry is already losing its focus on supporting the community. Existing licensed operators have already partnered with out of State corporations and brands to participate in the industry that have excluded more opportunities for existing local and legacy operators to participate. By allowing these non local, non Hawaiian owned out of state entities to exist in the market BEFORE allowing the people of Hawai'i nei the State has been negligent and is setting the market and the community up for failure. Some of these existing operators who have partnered with out of state brands and entities have rejected the opportunity to meet with the community and

build bridges losing trust with the community so it is up to the members of this Task Force to ensure that the industry is equitable and community focused and now is the time.

We mahalo the Task Force and the members of the working for all of your hard work and look forward to more constructive conversations on how to create an industry that serves everyone and not only large corporate profit driven businesses. We are the Hawai'i Cannabis Hui and we do this for the community and Aloha 'āina.

Mahalo nui loa

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My name is Leonard Coleman\_\_\_\_\_. I am submitting testimony on Dual Use 9/19/22 on agenda item II, Social Equity.”

I support the Hawaii Cannabis Hui’s 4-Point Plan:

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We say YES to unlimited retail for small farms. Ability to sell direct-to-consumer and to licensed dispensaries.

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“ My name is Curtis Hopper. I am submitting testimony on Dual Use 9/19/22 on agenda item II, Social Equity.”

I support the Hawaii Cannabis Hui’s 4-Point Plan:

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We say YES to unlimited retail for small farms. Ability to sell direct-to-consumer and to licensed dispensaries.

We say YES to holding licensed corporations accountable to the community for annual reports on environmental impact, best labor practices, and social justice for survivors of the war on drugs. If they aren’t helping the community, do not renew their licenses.

Please keep in mind that I’m one of the crew so emails generally get answered in the mornings.

Thank You,  
Curtis Hopper

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Hello,  
My name is Tiffany Bunnell.

I am submitting testimony on Dual Use 9/19/22 on agenda item II, Social Equity.

I support the Hawaii Cannabis Hui's 4-Point Plan: We are opposed and say NO to corporate profit driven plantation-style cannabis farms.

We say YES to small farms owned by Native Hawaiians and local, legacy, farmers. These small farms should have a 5K sq. ft canopy cap and also promote diversified agriculture.

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We say YES to holding licensed corporations accountable to the community for annual reports on environmental impact, best labor practices, and social justice for survivors of the war on drugs. If they aren't helping the community, do not renew their licenses.

Thank you for your time,  
Tiffany Bunnell

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My name is Shilla Lee. I am submitting testimony on Dual Use 9/19/22 on agenda item II, Social Equity.”

I support the Hawaii Cannabis Hui’s 4-Point Plan:

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My name is Andrew Simmons. I am submitting testimony on Dual Use 9/19/22 Meeting Agenda Item II, Social Equity.

I support the Hawai'i Cannabis Hui's 4-Point Plan:

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Without these 4 points your social equity proposal is meaningless and your legalization plans insult Hawaiians, and other survivors of the war on drugs, and must be defeated.

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My name is Charlotte Anthony. I am submitting testimony on Dual Use 9/19/22 Meeting Agenda Item II, Social Equity.

I support the Hawai'i Cannabis Hui's 4-Point Plan:

- We are opposed and say NO to corporate profit-driven plantation-style cannabis farms.
- We say YES to small farms owned by Native Hawaiians and local, legacy, farmers. These small farms should have a 5K sq. ft canopy cap and also promote diversified agriculture.
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My name is La'a Anthony. I am submitting testimony on Dual Use 9/19/22 Meeting Agenda Item II, Social Equity.

I support the Hawai'i Cannabis Hui's 4-Point Plan:

- We are opposed and say NO to corporate profit-driven plantation-style cannabis farms.
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Without these 4 points your social equity proposal is meaningless and your legalization plans insult Hawaiians, and other survivors of the war on drugs, and must be defeated.

Thank you for your consideration,  
La'a Anthony

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“ My name is \_\_\_\_Richard T. Carey\_\_\_\_. I am submitting testimony on Dual Use 9/19/22 on agenda item II, Social Equity.”

I support the Hawaii Cannabis Hui’s 4-Point Plan:

We are opposed and say NO to corporate profit driven plantation-style cannabis farms.

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My name is Joselyn Hollingsworth. I am submitting testimony on Dual Use 9/19/22 on agenda item II, Social Equity. I support the Hawaii Cannabis Hui's 4-Point Plan:  
We are opposed and say NO to corporate profit driven plantation-style cannabis farms. We say YES to small farms owned by Native Hawaiians and local, legacy, farmers. These small farms should have a **5K sq. ft canopy** cap and also promote diversified agriculture.  
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Joselyn Hollingsworth  
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My name is Lynda Nishihara. I am submitting testimony on Dual Use 9/19/22 on agenda item II, Social Equity.”

I support the Hawaii Cannabis Hui’s 4-Point Plan:

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My name is Collin Loughney. I am submitting testimony on Dual Use 9/19/22 on agenda item II, Social Equity.

I support the Hawaii Cannabis Hui's 4-Point Plan:

We are opposed and say NO to corporate profit driven plantation-style cannabis farms.

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My name is Ashley Nishihara. I am submitting testimony on Dual Use 9/19/22 on agenda item II, Social Equity.

I support the Hawaii Cannabis Hui's 4-Point Plan:

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Mahalo!

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Dual Use 9/19/22 on agenda item II, Social Equity.  
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Dad Dual Use Take Force Members,

My name is Elizabeth Winternitz. I am a kupuna 329 card holder. I am submitting testimony on Dual Use 9/19/22 on agenda item II, Social Equity.

I support the Hawaii Cannabis Hui's 4-Point Plan:

I am opposed and say NO to corporate profit driven plantation-style cannabis farms.

I say YES to small farms owned by Native Hawaiians and local, legacy, farmers. These small farms should have a 5K sq. ft canopy cap and also promote diversified agriculture.

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Mahalo for your attention,  
Elizabeth Winternitz  
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Aloha, my name is Dutch Cosmian. I'm submitting testimony on Dual Use 9/19/22 on agenda item II, Social Equity.

I support the Hawaii Cannabis Hui's 4-Point Plan:  
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We say YES to holding licensed corporations accountable to the community for annual reports on environmental impact, best labor practices, and social justice for survivors of the war on drugs. If they aren't helping the community, do not renew their licenses.

Bad legalization is worse than no legalization.

Native Hawaiians, farmers, and locals affected by the War on Drugs must have a say in policy.

Mahalo for your time.

Dutch Cosmian  
Kailua, Oahu

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Cannabis production and distribution  
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Aloha. My name is Dana Crocker. I am submitting testimony on Dual Use 9/19/22 on agenda item II, Social Equity.

I support the Hawaii Cannabis Hui's 4-Point Plan:

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We say YES to holding licensed corporations accountable to the community for annual reports on environmental impact, best labor practices, and social justice for survivors of the war on drugs. If they aren't helping the community, do not renew their licenses.

As someone who uses cannabis as medicine, it is important to me to know that the products I use are from local conscientious growers and producers. I also support the legalization and decriminalization of recreational cannabis usage. It's time to move forward, with responsible and sustainable practices.

Thank you for your consideration.

Dana Crocker

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Dual use item II, social equity written testimony  
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My name is Henry Bell. I am submitting testimony on Dual Use 9/19/22 on agenda item II, Social Equity.”

I support the Hawai' i Cannabis Hui's 4-Point Plan:

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Mahalo for your time.

Henry Bell

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My name is Lanakila Matthew Kama'i Rodrigues. I am submitting testimony on Dual Use 9/19/22 on agenda item II, Social Equity.

I support the Hawaii Cannabis Hui's 4-Point Plan:

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“ My name is \_\_\_\_\_mike milligan\_\_\_\_\_. I am submitting testimony on Dual Use 9/19/22 on agenda item II, Social Equity.”

I support the Hawaii Cannabis Hui’s 4-Point Plan:

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Good afternoon,

My name is Matthew Kaleokalani Aki. I am a Full Blood Kānaka Māoli and disabled with a rare disease in which cannabis is the only medicine that works. I am submitting testimony on Dual Use 9/19/22 on agenda item II, "Social Equity."

I support the Hawaii Cannabis Hui's 4-Point Plan: We are opposed and say NO to corporate profit driven plantation-style cannabis farms.

We say YES to small farms owned by Native Hawaiians and local, legacy, farmers. These small farms should have a 5K sq. ft canopy cap and also promote diversified agriculture.

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Kind regards,  
Kaleokalani Aki

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Call to action  
**Date:** Saturday, September 17, 2022 5:32:31 PM

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My name is Josephina, I am submitting testimony on Dual Use 9/19/22 on agenda item II, Social Equity.

I support the Hawaii Cannabis Hui's 4-Point Plan:

We are opposed and say NO to corporate profit driven plantation-style cannabis farms.

We say YES to small farms owned by Native Hawaiians and local, legacy, farmers. These small farms should have a 5K sq. ft canopy cap and also promote diversified agriculture.

We say YES to unlimited retail for small farms. Ability to sell direct-to-consumer and to licensed dispensaries.

We say YES to holding licensed corporations accountable to the community for annual reports on environmental impact, best labor practices, and social justice for survivors of the war on drugs. If they aren't helping the community, do not renew their licenses.

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] I need this for my medical condition  
**Date:** Saturday, September 17, 2022 5:18:52 PM

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“ My name is \_\_\_\_shari hada\_\_\_\_\_. I am submitting testimony on Dual Use  
9/19/22 on agenda item II, Social Equity.”

I support the Hawaii Cannabis Hui’s 4-Point Plan:

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farms.

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These small farms should have a 5K sq. ft canopy cap and also promote diversified  
agriculture.

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survivors of the war on drugs. If they aren’t helping the community, do not renew  
their licenses.

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Hawaii Cannabis Hui's 4-Point Plan.  
**Date:** Saturday, September 17, 2022 5:12:12 PM

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“ My name is Michael Kaminsky\_\_\_\_\_. I am submitting testimony on Dual Use 9/19/22 on agenda item II, Social Equity.”

I support the Hawaii Cannabis Hui's 4-Point Plan:

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We say YES to unlimited retail for small farms. Ability to sell direct-to-consumer and to licensed dispensaries.

We say YES to holding licensed corporations accountable to the community for annual reports on environmental impact, best labor practices, and social justice for survivors of the war on drugs. If they aren't helping the community, do not renew their licenses. Mahalo very much for your time.

Respectfully,

Michael Kaminsky

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**To:** [DOH.OMCCR](#)  
**Subject:** WRITTEN TESTIMONY  
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**Name**

Anthony Ludwig-Lopez

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September 19, 2022

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- Agenda Item #2

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My name is Anthony Ludwig-Lopez. I am submitting testimony on Dual Use 9/19/22 on agenda item II, Social Equity.”

I support the Hawaii Cannabis Hui’s 4-Point Plan:

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Legalized marijuana in Hawaii  
**Date:** Saturday, September 17, 2022 4:47:28 PM

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“ My name is Akamu Jaber. I am submitting testimony on Dual Use 9/19/22 on agenda item II, Social Equity.”

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Cannabis task force meeting  
**Date:** Saturday, September 17, 2022 4:33:30 PM

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“ My name is \_\_\_hernan bravo \_\_\_\_\_. I am submitting testimony on Dual Use 9/19/22 on agenda item II, Social Equity.”

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] testimony on Dual Use 9/19/22 on agenda item II, Social Equity  
**Date:** Saturday, September 17, 2022 4:25:46 PM

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Aloha,

My name is Nezia Azmi. I am submitting testimony on Dual Use 9/19/22 on agenda item II, Social Equity.”

I support the Hawaii Cannabis Hui’s 4-Point Plan:

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Mahalo!

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Nezia Azmi  
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Aloha I'm Victoria,

I am submitting testimony on Dual Use 9/19/22 on agenda item II, Social Equity.

Please legalize cannabis the right way so that local people will be able to afford it and help support local farmers instead of lining big corporations' pockets.

Also, if you're going to legalize cannabis, you need to outlaw using chemical pesticides on the plants, period. Diluted neem oil will do the trick. It's all natural and won't give you cancer.

I support the 4-point plan by Cannabis Hawaii Hui:

NO to profit driven farms owned by large corporations. Skyrocketing bud prices defeats the purpose of making cannabis available to all people. I know the state wants to rake in their tax dollars but please think about the people before allowing corporations to own farms that supply Hawaii dispensaries. Mahalo nui.

YES to small farms owned by local farmers who wish to make a living to provide for themselves and their families. These small farms should have a 5K sq. ft canopy cap and also promote diversified agriculture.

YES to unlimited retail for small farms. Ability to sell direct-to-consumer and to licensed dispensaries. Farming is extremely expensive and local farmers should be able to have their own shops out front to promote their crafts and products.

YES to holding licensed corporations accountable to the community for annual reports on environmental impact, best labor practices, and social justice for survivors of the war on drugs.

I hope somebody actually reads this. If you did, God Bless You.

Aloha,  
Victoria

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony  
**Date:** Saturday, September 17, 2022 4:16:03 PM

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Aloha! My name is Jezreel-Miah "Myahh" K. Kahoali'i and I am submitting testimony on Dual Use 9/19/22 on agenda item II, Social Equity.

I support the Hawaii Cannabis Hui's 4-Point Plan:  
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Mahalo!

Blessings upon you!

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Written Testimony  
**Date:** Saturday, September 17, 2022 4:08:05 PM

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"My name is Jaiden Tomas Gonzaga. I am submitting testimony on Dual Use 9/19/22 on agenda item II, Social Equity."

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] DUAL USE 9/19/22 AGENDA ITEM II, SOCIAL EQUITY  
**Date:** Saturday, September 17, 2022 4:07:12 PM

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My name is Yolanda Kaulia. I am submitting testimony on Dual Use 9/19/22 on agenda item II, Social Equity.”

I support the Hawaii Cannabis Hui’s 4-Point Plan:

We are opposed and say NO to corporate profit driven plantation-style cannabis farms.

We say YES to small farms owned by Native Hawaiians and local, legacy, farmers. These small farms should have a 5K sq. ft canopy cap and also promote diversified agriculture.

We say YES to unlimited retail for small farms.

Ability to sell direct-to-consumer and to licensed dispensaries.

We say YES to holding licensed corporations accountable to the community for annual reports on environmental impact, best labor practices, and social justice for survivors of the war on drugs. If they aren’t helping the community, do not renew their licenses.

Thank you,  
Yolanda Kaulia

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DOH.OMCCR](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Dual Use 9/19/22 item II, Social Equity  
**Date:** Saturday, September 17, 2022 3:59:32 PM

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My name is Haunani Torres-Kauli'a. I am submitting testimony on Dual Use 9/19/22 on agenda item II, Social Equity.”

I support the Hawaii Cannabis Hui’s 4-Point Plan:

We are opposed and say NO to corporate profit driven plantation-style cannabis farms.

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Mahalo,  
Haunani Torres-Kauli'a

**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony  
**Date:** Saturday, September 17, 2022 3:43:51 PM

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My name is Chalez Kahana. I am submitting testimony on Dual Use 9/19/22 on agenda item II, Social Equity.”

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Dual Use of Cannabis Task Force.  
**Date:** Saturday, September 17, 2022 3:43:38 PM

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“ My name is Maria Faimano West\_\_\_\_\_. I am submitting testimony on Dual Use 9/19/22 on agenda item II, Social Equity.”

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Dual Use 9/19/22  
**Date:** Saturday, September 17, 2022 3:39:44 PM

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“ My name is Pedro Torres-Kauli'a. I am submitting testimony on Dual Use 9/19/22 on agenda item II, Social Equity.”

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Thank You,  
Pedro Torres-Kauli'a

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DOH.OMCCR](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please support Hawaii Cannabis Hui's 4-Point Plan  
**Date:** Saturday, September 17, 2022 3:33:04 PM

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My name is Gregory Johnson. I am a resident of Hawaii and a retired professor and priest. I am also a registered medical cannabis patient who uses cannabis from licensed dispensaries for chronic pain resulting from a back injury.

I am submitting testimony on Dual Use 9/19/22 on agenda item II, Social Equity.”

I support the Hawaii Cannabis Hui’s 4-Point Plan:

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4. We say YES to holding licensed corporations accountable to the community for annual reports on environmental impact, best labor practices, and social justice for survivors of the war on drugs. If they aren’t helping the community, do not renew their licenses.

Mahalo nui loa!

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DOH.OMCCR](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony for cannabis  
**Date:** Saturday, September 17, 2022 3:26:20 PM

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“ My name is John Awa. I am submitting testimony on Dual Use 9/19/22 on agenda item II, Social Equity.”

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Thank you

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DOH.OMCCR](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Cannabis Task Force  
**Date:** Saturday, September 17, 2022 3:11:13 PM

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Hello,

My name is James Slobodzien. I am submitting testimony on Dual Use 9/19/22 on agenda item II, Social Equity.”

I support the Hawaii Cannabis Hui’s 4-Point Plan:

1. I am opposed and say NO to corporate profit driven plantation-style cannabis farms.
2. I say YES to small farms owned by Native Hawaiians and local, legacy, farmers. These small farms should have a 5K sq. ft canopy cap and also promote diversified agriculture.
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James Slobodzien, Psy.D.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DOH.OMCCR](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] testimony  
**Date:** Saturday, September 17, 2022 3:07:04 PM

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“ My name is Rockne Mawae . I am submitting testimony on Dual Use 9/19/22 on agenda item II, Social Equity.”

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We say YES to holding licensed corporations accountable to the community for annual reports on environmental impact, best labor practices, and social justice for survivors of the war on drugs. If they aren’t helping the community, do not renew their licenses. As a vet I thank the lord that we Hawaiian veterans are able to back up other Hawaiians and veterans!

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DOH.OMCCR](mailto:DOH.OMCCR)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] I support cannabis Hui 4 point plan  
**Date:** Saturday, September 17, 2022 3:06:50 PM

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My name is \_\_\_\_\_jarrison aeto\_\_\_\_\_. I am submitting testimony on Dual Use 9/19/22 on agenda item II, Social Equity.”

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Jarrison K.J. Aeto

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DOH.OMCCR](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Task Force Testimony 9/19/22 - Agenda Item II  
**Date:** Saturday, September 17, 2022 2:50:04 PM

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Aloha and Good Afternoon Honorable Task Force Members:

My name is Megan and I work with the Hawai'i Cannabis Hui. I am adamantly opposed to any legislative framework that is not proactive in addressing Cannabis legislation through the lens of social equity. While I appreciate the hard work that went into the Social Equity Recommendation Report, I believe that the following four points are very important in future legalization legislation.

I support the Hawai'i Cannabis Hui's 4-Point Plan:

- We are opposed and say NO to corporate profit-driven plantation-style cannabis farms.
- We say YES to small farms owned by Native Hawaiians and local, legacy, farmers. These small farms should have a 5K sq. ft canopy cap and also promote diversified agriculture.
- We say YES to unlimited retail for small farms. Ability to sell direct-to-consumer and to licensed dispensaries.
- We say YES to holding licensed corporations accountable to the community for annual reports on environmental impact, best labor practices, and social justice for survivors of the war on drugs. If they aren't helping the community, do not renew their licenses.

I am respectfully asking that you put Native Hawaiians and those that have been disproportionately impacted by the war on drugs first when it comes to legalization instead of out of state corporate interests. We must put a cap on growing square footage (10k+ is ridiculous) to maintain the quality of product that Hawaii is known for and allow farmers to truly participate in this emerging market, post-legalization. Large plantation-style grows are absolutely not the answer. Please give us a fighting chance to participate.

Best,

Megan Womble