

HAWAII MEDICAL CANNABIS WORKING GROUP QUESTIONNAIRE 10/09

A. CURRENT STATE LAW ALLOWS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF THERAPEUTIC OR MEDICAL CANNABIS (MEDICAL MARIJUANA). HOW DIFFICULT IS IT FOR YOU TO ACQUIRE AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF MEDICAL CANNABIS?

(Circle one, being 1 = no trouble at all 5= very difficult)

1	2	3	4	5	NO ANSWER
11	1	17	18	39	15

B. WHAT IS THE BIGGEST PROBLEM YOU FACE IN ACQUIRING CANNABIS?

(Check all that apply)

Discomfort/fear in dealing in the black market	Concern for personal safety	Unreliability of supply	Concern about contamination	High cost	Anxiety about law enforcement
70	59	63	43	73	80

√ OTHER (SPECIFY)

1. UNKNOWN STRAINS
2. HARD TO GROW
3. WE NEED CANNABIS CLUBS (SAFE ACCESS)
4. NEIGHBORHOOD THIEVES
5. NEIGHBORS STEALING SUPPLY.
6. HARSH PENALTIES/LE MISBEHAVIOR
7. NO SAFE PLACE TO GROW
8. FEAR OF BURGLARY OF PLANTS
9. SOCIAL STIGMA

√ HOW MUCH DO YOU GENERALLY PAY?

Zero	Less \$100	\$100 – 200	\$201 – 300	\$301 – 400	\$401 +	NO ANSWER
4	8	11	14	20	3	41

C. WOULD YOU PREFER TO ACQUIRE YOUR CANNABIS FROM A REGULATED STORE/SHOP/CLINIC?

(Circle one, being 1 = would not prefer 5 = can't wait)

1	2	3	4	5	No Answer
12	3	9	10	63	4

D. CURRENT LAW ALSO PERMITS YOU TO GROW YOUR OWN SUPPLY OF CANNABIS (WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE LAW.) DO YOU GROW YOUR OWN CANNABIS?

No	Yes	Sometimes	Never	No Answer
18	53	23	5	2

√IF YES, WHAT ARE THE LARGEST OBSTACLES TO GROWING YOUR CANNABIS?

(Check all that apply)

Acquiring Seeds	Acquiring Clones	Grow Space	Publicity / Confidentiality	Theft	Bugs/Rodent	Disease/Rot
53	381	35	50	59	30	34
Seasonal Changes	Lights	Knowledge	Experience	Fear of Arrest	*Other	NO ANSWER
21	24	30	27	57	11	10

√OTHER (SPECIFY)

1. EXISTING LAWS NOT ADEQUATE OR PRACTICAL ON THE ADEQUATE SUPPLY FOR CERTAIN PARTICIPANT.
2. EXISTING LAWS ARE NOT ADEQUATE OR PRACTICAL FOR AMOUNTS ALLOWED.
3. CONSTANT HELICOPTER HARASSMENT.
4. SPOUSE OF ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY & RETIRED.
5. EXTREMELY TIME CONSUMING.
6. LE BULLIES
7. PEOPLE STEAL IT.
8. HELICOPTERS

E. WHAT OTHER OBSTACLES HAVE YOU ENCOUNTERED WITH THE PROGRAM?

(Check all that apply)

Finding a physician willing to certify me.	Unwillingness of my regular doctor to certify me	I'm a veteran and get health care through the V.A. or other federal entity.	NO ANSWER
36	27	9	29

√DIFFICULTIES WITH MY HOUSING SITUATION.

Landlord problems	Public or Federal Housing	Etc.
		<p>20</p> <p>11 -(did not specify)</p> <p>1- Neighbors</p> <p>1- lease prohibits growing</p> <p>1 – job</p> <p>1 – finding a good place that is safe.</p> <p>1- small apartment/ no room</p> <p>1 – housing authority will stop your help if you have medicine</p> <p>1- Landlord "not legal"</p> <p>1- Landlord problems</p>

F. HOW LONG DID IT TAKE YOU TO RECEIVE YOUR "BLUE CARD" ONCE ALL OF YOUR PAPERWORK AT BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT DIVISION OF THE DEPT. OF PUBLIC SAFETY?

No answer	0-3 weeks	1 month +	2 months	Over 2 months	Pending	Other
36	3	11	30	13	4	4 *

Never received a blue card, asked about a dispensary.

G. HAVE YOU HAD EMPLOYMENT-RELATED PROBLEMS?

(Check all that apply)

I am subject to routine drug testing	I am subject to random drug testing	No Answer
6	24	71

√ DOES YOUR EMPLOYER HAVE A FORMAL POLICY ON MEDICAL USE OF CANNABIS?

No	Yes	Don't know	No Answer
24	12	16	49

√ WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES OF A POSITIVE DRUG TEST?

Lose your job	Don't know	No Answer
23	6	72

√ OTHER EMPLOYMENT-RELATED PROBLEMS. (Please specify) HARASSMENT

H. DO YOU HAVE A CAREGIVER AS PERMITTED BY STATE LAW?

No	Yes	No Answer
77	15	9

√ IF NO, WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE A CAREGIVER SUPPLY YOUR CANNABIS?

No	Yes	Definitely	NO ANSWER
41	27	13	20

√ ARE YOU A CAREGIVER?

No	Yes	No Answer
67	17	17

WOULD YOU LIKE HELP OR INFORMATION FROM AN EXPERT IN LEARNING HOW TO GROW YOUR OWN CANNABIS?

No	Yes	Maybe	NO ANSWER
26	31	24	20

✓WHO WOULD BE THE EXPERT? SELF
OSTERDAM UNIVERSITY

I. BY YOUR BEST GUESS, HOW MUCH CANNABIS DO YOU CONSUME IN ONE AVERAGE WEEK?
(Grams or ounces or joints (1 ounce = 28 grams))

0 – 1 grams	2-5 grams	7-12 grams	14-19 grams	20-27 grams	1-5 joints	6-7 joints	Less than 1 oz	1 – 2 ounces	3 plus ounces	No Answer
5	8	13	9	4	5	4	10	19	1	23

J. HOW DO YOU CONSUME YOUR CANNABIS?

(Check all that apply)

Rolling paper/Blunt	Transdermal/Skin	Pipe	Sublingual/Under tongue	Water pipe/Bong	Vaporizer	Edible Goods/Tea	No Answer
66	3	58	3	42	34	44	4

OTHER (please describe) Tincture THC Drops

K. HOW MANY YEARS HAVE YOU BEEN REGISTERED AS A MEDICAL CANNABIS PATIENT?

0	1-3 weeks	1 – 11 months	1 – 4 years	5 yrs & over	10 yrs & over	Pending	Other	No Answer
2	12	12	33	13	1	2	2*	22

*Since it began – started with Dr. Weiner.

L. HAVE YOU EVER HAD TO SHOW YOUR STATE CERTIFICATE TO A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER?

No	Yes
78	16

IF YES, WHAT HAPPENED? (SPECIFY)

1. GOT STOPPED 3 YRS AGO, AND SHOWED THEIR CARD TO CLEAN UP FILM CANISTER OF WEED.
2. WHEN PLANTS WERE STOLEN AND REPORTED THE LOSS.
3. CONSTANT HELICOPTER HARASSMENT.
4. POLICE VIEWED CARD AND LEFT WITHOUT INCIDENT.
5. AIRPORT/SPEEDING
6. NEIGHBORS CALLED POLICE AND I HAD ONLY MY 7 PLANTS AS INSTRUCTION DICTATES.
7. AN OFFICER SMELLED MY SMOKE AND KNOCKED ON MY DOOR.

M. HAVE YOU HAD TROUBLE TRAVELING WITH YOUR MEDICINE?

No	Yes	Inter-island	Mainland or Abroad
52	30	24	22

IF YES, WHAT HAPPENED? (SPECIFY)

1. NEARLY ARRESTED AT KONA AIRPORT. TSA TURNED OVER TO AIRPORT SECURITY & THEY IN TURN CONTACTED THE POLICE. SINCE HPD DID NOT SHOW UP, INDIVIDUAL WAS RELEASED; HOWEVER MARIJUANA WAS CONFISCATED.
2. AIRPORT SECURITY FOUND AND TOOK INDIVIDUAL CANNABIS MEDICINE.
3. NOTHING IS ALLOWED.
4. PARANOID
5. RANDOM BODY SEARCH
6. FEAR
7. ANXIETY
8. DID NOT TAKE MARIJUANA OUT OF FEAR.
9. TOO AFRAID TO TRY
10. COULD NOT TRAVEL WITH IT.
11. PULLED OFF PLANE, THAN ALLOWED BACK ON WITH MY MEDICINE AFTER SHOWING BLUE CARD.
12. TAKEN AWAY
13. TOO AFRAID TO CARRY MEDICINE THROUGH AIRPORT TSA.
14. TAKEN FROM ME IN CAR.
15. DON'T TRAVEL WITH IT. BUY IT AT DESTINATION
16. WILL NOT LET YOU TRAVEL

N. HOW SATISFIED ARE YOU IN GENERAL WITH THE STATE OF HAWAII'S CURRENT "MEDICAL MARIJUANA" STATUTES AND/OR ADMINISTRATION RULES?

(Circle one, being 1 = not satisfied at all 5 = extremely satisfied)

1	2	3	4	5	No Answer
32	25	22	6	5	11

O. WHICH STATE DEPARTMENT SHOULD OVERSEE HAWAII'S "MEDICAL MARIJUANA" PROGRAM?

Keep it with DPS/Narcotics Enforcement Division	Dept. of Health	Dept. of Agriculture	JABSOM	Other (please specify)
6	68	29	10	12 1) Co-op 2) No preference, whichever will be able to move this forward 3) New oversight –Dept. of Cannabis 4) none- FDA if mj is sold or distributed.

P. WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE INTERVIEWED BY A MEMBER OF THE HAWAII MEDICAL CANNABIS WORKING GROUP? (CONFIDENTIALLY, OF COURSE)

No	Yes	No Answer
35	59	7

Q. WHAT ADDITIONAL COMMENTS, QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHARE WITH THE WORKING GROUP?

Comment #1:

I'm as concerned by the people in jail who have been caught without medical certification as those who can afford to pay for the appropriate fees. It's a minor drug – should be grown under controls to see it's pure and taxes should be paid to the state.

Comment #2:

I want the legal lies to stop. I honestly believe that Hawaii's economic savior is HEMP/CANNABIS, instead of tourism.

Comment #3

1. Safe access to patients who do have that ability.
2. What is an adequate supply – 3oz is not. The Federal 5 "Rosenfeld" gets 21 oz. every 25 days – a 24 oz – 60 day – limit is ok per patient.
3. Co-ops i.e. or collectives to grow cannabis for medical purposes: 1 patient rule is not enough.
4. Interisland travel with medical cannabis allowed.
5. Reciprocity with all other medical cannabis states.
6. Change to Dept. of Health to regulate.
7. Wellness centers i.e. medical cannabis dispensaries to those who are unable to grow their own.

Comment #4

One of the first changes in the law would be to allow all the plants to be budding. No restrictions on the number of budding plants. Over the last three years I have had to kill 13 plants because I was over my number of budding plants. It cost money and time.

Second, I would extend the number of plants from seven to twelve. With only seven plants I have difficulty growing an adequate amount. I am a 100% disabled American veteran and have a lot of scar tissue (pain) in my body and I find it difficult to grow an adequate amount, especially in the winter, for my high level of consumption.

Third, extend the amount of on hands buds to ten ounces per person.

Comment #5

We really need a regulated cannabis store – it also would be helpful to have a meeting closer to the ocean view area.

Comment #6

We need badly, a safe environment to purchase our medical marijuana. The republicans in office (Lingle) are living in the dark ages and need to be forced to follow other states protocol (California) Cannabis clubs or name to be enlightened to instigate our Medical Policy. It's a crying shame to have to wait years for the Governor to leave office. Along with her economic mess she's got us into, this is just adding fire to her suppression of Human Rights.

Comment #7

I am chair of Big Island chapter of the Americans for Safe Access. We have contributed testimony to the legislative committees to change the medical cannabis laws in the state...to no avail. Yet, we are undaunted and will continue to seek reform and liberalization of Medical Cannabis laws here.

Comment #8

As a patient of Medical Cannabis, I would like to see the following:

- a. Safe access for patients
- b. Inter-island travel with Medical Cannabis to be allowed.
- c. Reciprocity with all other Medical Cannabis states.
- d. Co-ops to grow cannabis for medical purposes.

Comment #9

The number of plants allowed should be increased.

Comment #10

1. Why are there no dispensaries?
2. Why not more than 7 plants?

Comment #11

The list of license users was released to Peter Sur at the Hilo Tribune Herald last year. That is one major reason to change the overseeing of the program to the Dept. of Health. There are laws governing our medical information and Dept. of Public Safety broke these laws. It is a deterrent to people signing up also. (See attached letter to Senator Espero)

Comment #12

(See attached)

Comment #13

I am a California Medical Card Holder and member of several legal cooperatives. Their fundamental guidelines or contract with members is critical if implemented properly. I would be happy to share copies of collective contracts that could be rewritten for Hawaii. I participate as ASA Honolulu Chapter member and have been producing Tincture Rock ? baked goods and delivering for free.

Comment #14

(See attached)

Comment #15

Thank you. Call me if you have any questions. I caregive for 3 others.

P.S. Lot of theft here in Oceanview, Hawaii.

Comment #16

Thank you for picking up the ball that our Governor dropped. She would have needed a court order before doing anything to help patients. Now that President Obama has directed the D.O.J. to stop going after MMJ patients and complying dispensaries, she (Lingle) won't have that automatic response to justify her lack of support. "It's still illegal under Federal Law,...but I'll bet she doesn't change her position. At this point it's become a moral issue, since the government still chooses to ignore an ever-growing mountain of scientific data.

Comment #17

We really need a regulated cannabis store. It also would be helpful to have a meeting closer to the Ocean View area.

Comment #18

1. Too few plants are permitted
2. Important medical conditions do not qualify
3. I would be happy to assist the working group with a website and email communication of research. (See attached)

Comment #19

I would like to see a co-op situation, where people can help each other find patients for excess growth and work together for everyone's benefit.

Comment #20

(See attached)

Comment #21

Thank you for your time. In life we are blessed with living life and the living, natural, world around us. I have been life dissolve from the cancer filled bodies of both my mom and dad. Both grew tremendous in the light and spirit as they're flesh decayed. My mom used the only effective symptoms. It was too hard to find quality, safe, medical and spiritual cannabis.

Comment #22

Whichever department can move this forward, eliminate the catch-22 for patients who have nowhere to go to legally, safe by obtain meds. Obtain input from knowledgeable patients/caregivers about growing (male vs. female plants, what constitutes mature, how much cannabis does a patient require). Please allow med patients and caregivers a chance to create collectives/cooperatives for growing and distributing safely.

Comment #23

Cannabis has saved my life. Why should I feel like a criminal to use this herb that has easily replaced 6 medications? It is not cost-effective and the side effects of my other medications caused only more medical conditions.

Comment #24

Would like a system similar to California Medical Cannabis System.

Comment #25

I believe the easiest way to go is to seek the guidance of the courts, through an original Writ of Mandate in Hawaii Supreme Court regarding our unique intrastate travel that necessitates federal aviation and maritime jurisdictions and bring all parties to the table in a modular (island by island council) that includes the local mayors and is overseen by the Governor & Supreme Court. It is a matter of reason.

Further, I am willing, per Mr. Peter Pan's report, as a priest monk, to facilitate the acquisition of medicine by patients and the development of a clinic and socially acceptable dispersal point for patients. I will help in any way I can to for patients. I will help in any way I can to put a stop to what is arguably, a bigger rift in society than the Viet Name War. Barring all of this – Pres. Obama could easily sign an executive order taking marijuana off schedule I.

Comment #26

Why? If we have a license, do we not have a dispensary?

Comment #27

If I have a license why am I not able to smoke it a freely like those who smoke cigarettes in public, when cigarettes are proven to harm those who do not even smoke.

Comment #28

Why is alcohol dispensed out of liquor stores and gas stations? When at least every year some one/people die from drunken driving accidents, and cause fights at bars. Have you ever heard of someone falling asleep @ the wheel because they were "too stoned" to drive? Why, if something that so widely takes lives every year gets sold so openly, can't I go down to a dispensary and buy a bag of weed? The world would be a cleaner and better place if all tobacco companies where replaced with pot dispensaries, or cigarette rolled weed companies.

Comment #29

We need our medicine to be readily available. It would be nice to have some kind of co-op with farmers that could supply the patients with high quality medical cannabis.

Comment #30

We need our medical to be readily available for all patients. State controlled company that buys the product like coffee is today in our community.

Comment #31

I need to grow more plants because I use it in cooking.

Comment #32

I don't understand how we can cut schooling on Fridays when education in Hawaii has been known to be so poor and yet still give funding to the marijuana eradication program. How is it okay to be cutting government jobs such as adding furlough days to court and still be enforcing discipline upon marijuana users when they will only have certain days to appear in court due to job cuts? How is taking money from our hurricane fund even an option to helping our school systems? And cutting unnecessary funding for marijuana eradication is not?

Comment #33

We need a clinic with a grower's co-op that all excess high grade products can be purchased by the clinic and sold for other patients through the safest means. Treat the herb as the coffee is marketed here in Kona.

Comment #34

We need a place where we can get medicine and clones.

Comment #35

I have a seizure disorder. Get tired and cramps if I type or write. Please contact me!

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Comment #36

Need for Dispensary and stop helicopter harassment.

Comment #37

Would like "on going" news on Hawaii State updates.

Comment #38

Remove law enforcement from this situation, unless you want to use the drivers license division people.

Comment #39

I'm concerned about the police taking my plants even though I have a blue card.

Comment #40

See N & O Plus county of Hawaii police and prosecutors need to respect "Lowest Law Enforcement" priority. Police here are retrograde Cro-Magnons.

Comment #41

It would be very nice to have clubs, like California.