

*Hawaii's voice for effective, compassionate, and just drug policies.*

### **Improvements to the Medical Marijuana Program:**

- 1. Dispensaries:** There are many ways that the 14 year old medical marijuana program should be improved, but the most important is the **establishment of a statewide system of dispensaries**. We have been part of the task force created by HCR 48, and we will support the legislation that comes from its recommendations.
- 2. Civil Protections:** Even though the use of medical marijuana is legal in the state, patients still face a great deal of discrimination and uncertainty from landlords, schools, and employers.

For more information on these issues, contact us, or visit [www.mcchi.org](http://www.mcchi.org), a project of DPFHI and the ACLU of Hawai'i.

### **Decriminalization of Marijuana:**

77% of Hawaii's voters agree that marijuana possession shouldn't be punished with jail time. That's why we support decriminalization, which will make possession a civil infraction, punishable by a fine like a parking ticket.

For more information about this issue, contact us or visit [www.freshapproachhawaii.org](http://www.freshapproachhawaii.org), a project of DPFHI and the ACLU of Hawai'i.

### **Preventing Deaths due to Overdose:**

- 1. Good Samaritan Legislation:** The data show that the number one reason that people don't call 911 during an overdose is that they fear criminal prosecution. We can help save many lives by supporting legislation that would grant limited amnesty to people who call 911 during an overdose. This is especially important for us because overdose kills more people in Hawaii than car accidents do!
- 2. Naloxone:** There is a drug that, if administered in time, can reverse an overdose and save lives. We support legislation that will make naloxone easier to access and require first responders and police to carry it.

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