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HAWAII PROPOSED MEDICAL MARIJUANA BILL ~ HB 923

Title: Relating to Health (HI HB 923)

Date Introduced: January 26, 2011

Description: Creates three classes of medical marijuana licenses: class 1 medical marijuana compassion center license for the sale of medical marijuana to qualified patients; class 2 medical marijuana cultivation license; class 3 medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing license. Specifies requirements for each class. Makes medical marijuana sales subject to income and excise taxes. Establishes a special marijuana sales tax on sales of medical marijuana. Establishes a fee for issuance and renewal of a license and a special marijuana sales tax.

Sponsor(s): Ito

What the bill will do:

1. There will be a 15% sales tax on all sales of medical marijuana, the proceeds of which will be deposited into the general fund.
2. Qualifying patients may only designate one compassion center as their supplier of medical marijuana.

ASA's recommended action: ASA opposes taxing medical cannabis.