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The Honorable Gregg Takayama
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 323
415 S. Beretania Street
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THANK YOU FOR HB1359

Dear Representative Takayama,

Thank you for introducing [HB1359](#) – Relating to Higher Education.

I appreciate all the work your staff put into making this bill possible, and your willingness to support this important issue.

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

I suspect that the University of Hawaii leadership will be resistant to this change, but I hope that their concerns will be assuaged by bills that could end the current conflict with the federal regulation of marijuana, such as [HB668](#), that have also been introduced this year.

Wishing you and your staff a safe and productive Session.

Aloha,

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