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### **TODAY'S MEETING ON HCR132**

Dear Deputy Director Tomiyasu,

Thanks again for taking time today to discuss [HCR132](#) and a possible public hearing for this resolution on the Governor's behalf.

I understand that the department has decided to deny my request for a public hearing on HCR132 due to the opportunity that was already afforded the public last Session to provide input on this measure. Thank you for considering this request.

Nonetheless, I believe that it is vitally important for the State to do what it can to help resolve this ongoing conflict with the federal regulation of marijuana.

As we discussed, one way that the department could satisfy HCR132 and demonstrate a willingness to resolve the federal conflict would be to notify the DEA that the State is aware of the formal request sent to the DEA by the Iowa Department of Public Health and the petition filed with the DEA by a private citizen in Iowa, and to inform the DEA that Hawaii also has an interest in resolving this conflict and would like to be involved in any actions taken on this matter which could ultimately impact the state authorized use of cannabis in Hawaii.

The documents mentioned above can be found [here](#) for your convenience.

I appreciate you taking the time to discuss this proposal and look forward to hearing what you decide.

Aloha,

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