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The Honorable Ryan I. Yamane  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 420  
415 S. Beretania Street  
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### **CONCERNS ABOUT HB985**

Dear Representative Yamane,

I am writing to you about [HB985](#) – Relating to the Office of Medical Cannabis Control and Regulation (OMCCR), which was recently referred to the House Committee on Health, Human Services, and Homelessness (HHH). I have some concerns about this bill that I would like to bring to your attention as you consider granting a public hearing.

HB985 would increase the fee for patient registration under OMCCR's Registry Program from \$35 to \$45 beginning in FY 2022. At 30K patients, that would be an increase of \$300K in additional annual revenue going into the medical cannabis registry and regulation special fund that was established by [HRS 321-30.1](#).

For the past two years OMCCR has been allowing dispensaries to "remediate" moldy cannabis flowers into secondary manufactured products without any statutory authority or administrative rules. As a result, patients were exposed to dispensary products that were [documented](#) to contain harmful contaminants that patients were not made aware of and that OMCCR has neglected to formally regulate.

Before granting any further funding to OMCCR, I believe that this office needs to be held accountable for this failure in regulatory oversight, which, at the very least, should include moving OMCCR from the Health Resources Administration to the Environmental Health Administration, and requiring that the Department of Health hire one full time certified Cannabinoid Medicine Specialist.

Thank you for taking the time to consider these concerns.

Aloha,

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