



Hawai'i 2025 Cannabis Bills

Hawai'i lawmakers have filed more than a dozen cannabis and hemp bills in 2025, including legalization and regulation, modifying the state-initiated expungement pilot program, improving the state's decriminalization law, and making a variety of improvements to the medical program — including removing the sunset for caregivers.

See below for a list of some notable cannabis bills under consideration in Hawai'i. If you click on a bill number, it will take you to the legislature's webpage for it, where you can read the full bill. If a hearing has been scheduled, the Hawai'i Legislature's site will include the hearing date and time and a link to submit written testimony and/or to sign up for oral testimony (which you can do remotely or in person).

[SB 1613](#) — Relating to Cannabis (legalization and regulation for adults 21+)

Sponsor: Sen. Joy San Buenaventura

Summary: SB 1613 would legalize the possession, home cultivation, and regulated production and sale of cannabis in Hawai'i for adults 21 and older. An extensive summary of the bill is available [here](#).

Weigh-in: You can use [our advocacy platform](#) to write your lawmakers and ask them to legalize cannabis. You can also [testify in support](#) in writing, orally, and/or remotely.

Status: SB 1613 was scheduled for a joint hearing in the Senate Health and Human Services and Judiciary Committees on February 13. It has two more Senate committee referrals, too — Commerce and Consumer Protection and Ways and Means.

[HB 217](#) — Marijuana; Paraphernalia; Possession; Transfer; Smoking; Decriminalization

Sponsor: Rep. David Tarnas

Summary: Removes penalties for paraphernalia used to consume or store cannabis. Lowers the penalties for the possession and transfer without remuneration of certain amounts of small amounts of cannabis, cannabis concentrate, and cannabis-infused products to a violation carrying a \$25 fine. Makes smoking marijuana in a public place a violation carrying a \$130 fine. Allows individuals to request community service in lieu of a fine.

Status: Referred to House Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs and Finance Committees. As of February 11, it has not been scheduled for a hearing.

HB 132 — Relating to Expungement (modifying existing pilot program)

Sponsor: Rep. David Tarnas

Summary: Amends the pilot project for a state-initiated expungement to include not only cannabis but the possession of any schedule V substance. This revision is important to making the program workable.

Status: Passed out of the House Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs Committee on Jan. 30. It is headed to the House floor.

HB 302 and SB 1069 —Relating to Cannabis (expands medical cannabis protections)

Sponsor: Rep. Gregg Takayma in the House/Sen. Jarrett Keohokalole in the Senate.

Summary: Allows medical cannabis provider-patient relationships to be established via telehealth.

Status: HB 302 was amended and passed out of the Health and Consumer Protection Committees. Language has been removed that would have allowed patients and caregivers to buy medical cannabis from a dispensary before receiving their registry identification card. Its next committee is the Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs Committee. As of February 11, 2025, SB 1069 has not been scheduled for a hearing.

SB 319— Relating to Marijuana (increases decriminalization amount to 15 grams)

Sponsor: Sen. Joy San Buenaventura

Summary: Expands the state's decriminalization law from applying to 3 grams to 15 grams. Also slightly adjusts the amount of cannabis for promoting a detrimental drug in the second degree from one ounce to 30 grams. (One ounce is about 28.5 grams.)

Status: SB 319 passed out of the Senate Judiciary Committee on February 11. It now heads to the Senate floor.

SB 1429 — Relating to Medical Cannabis (removes sunset on caregivers)

Sponsor: Pres. Ron Kouchi at the governor's request

Summary: This bill retroactively repeals the sunset date of caregivers being allowed to cultivate medical cannabis for their qualifying patients. It also provides that no location can be used for more than five patients.

Status: SB 1429 received a joint hearing on February 11 in the Senate Health and Human Services and Commerce and Consumer Protection Committees. It was also referred to Senate Judiciary.

[HB 1416/ SB 1527](#) —Relating to Cannabis (youth prevention)

Sponsor: Rep. Gregg Takayma in the House/Sen. Sharon Moriwaki in the Senate

Summary: Requires the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division of the Department of Health to develop and implement a comprehensive messaging and informational campaign to prevent cannabis use among the State's youth. It must also establish and enter into contracts with community-based organizations to award grants to prevent substance misuse among youth through evidenced-based prevention programs.

Status: Both bills have double referrals (House Health and Finance and Senate Health and Human Services and Commerce and Consumer Protection) and neither have been scheduled for a hearing as of February 11.

[SB 1595](#) — Relating to the Medical Use of Cannabis (expands medical cannabis protections)

Sponsor: Sen. Brenton Awa

Summary: Removes registration requirements relating to qualifying out-of-state medical cannabis patients who are validly registered in other states, territories, or the District of Columbia. Allows initial doctor-patient consultation to be via telehealth. Prohibits the Department of Health from imposing fees for patient registration.

Status: Has a double referral (Senate Health and Human Services/Commerce and Consumer Protection and Judiciary/Ways and Means) and has not been scheduled for a hearing as of February 11.

[SB 1633](#) —Relating to Hemp (building credit, regulations, and legal sales)

Sponsor: Sen. Mike Gabbard (D)

Summary: Creates a green building tax credit related to buildings with at least 30% Hawai'i-grown hemp material. Allows hemp processors with a Hawai'i permit to sell an edible or beverage with up to 2.5mg per serving of THC, and no more than 25 servings per package. Prohibits sales of edibles and beverages to those under 21 and requires child-resistant packaging. Makes additional changes regarding hemp regulation.

Status: The Senate Agriculture and Environment and Health and Human Services Committees held a hearing and have deferred decision making a few times.

[SB 1655](#) — Relating To Manufactured Hemp Products

Sponsor: Sen. Tim Richards

Summary: Allows any hemp processor with a permit from the Department of Health to sell edible hemp gummies (with up to five milligrams of THC per package) and beverages. Provides that the calculation includes delta-8 THC. Establishes child child-resistant packaging requirements.

Status: Has a double referral (Senate Health and Human Services/Commerce and Consumer Protection and Judiciary/Ways and Means) and has not been scheduled for a hearing as of February 11.

Bills that Died for the Year

HB 1246 — Relating to Cannabis (legalization and regulation for adults 21+)

Sponsor: Rep. David Tarnas

Summary: HB 1246 would legalize the possession, home cultivation, and regulated production and sale of cannabis in Hawai'i for adults 21 and older. An extensive summary of the bill is available [here](#).

Status: Passed out of two committees — Agriculture and Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs — then was re-referred by the floor back to the committees. Is thus dead for the year.

HB519 — Proposing An Amendment To Article Ix Of The Constitution Of The State Of Hawaii Relating To Recreational Cannabis.

Sponsor: Rep. Gene Ward

Summary: Would refer to voters a constitutional amendment that would legalize the possession and use of recreational cannabis by adults who are at least 21 years of age, as provided by law.

Status: Dead for the year, had a triple referral and did not make it out of committee before deadlines.

HB 1390 — Relating to the Medical Use of Cannabis (expands medical cannabis protections)

Sponsor: Rep. Sean Quinlan

Summary: Makes several changes to expand the medical cannabis program, including removing the registry for out-of-state patients, increasing possession limits, and expanding non-discrimination protections. Creates a registry system for medical cannabis cultivation sites with a canopy of up to 250 square feet, with an annual fee of \$2,500.

Status: Dead for the year, had a triple referral and did not make it out of committee before deadlines.

HB 1110 — Relating to Medical Cannabis (removes sunset on caregivers)

Sponsor: Speaker Nadine Nakamura at the governor's request

Summary: This bill retroactively repeals the sunset date of caregivers being allowed to cultivate medical cannabis for their qualifying patients. It also provides that no location can be used for more than five patients.

Status: Dead for the year, had a triple referral and did not make it out of committee before deadlines.

HB 600 — Relating to the Medical Use of Cannabis (expands medical cannabis protections)

Sponsor: Rep. Diamond Garcia in the House

Summary: Removes registration requirements relating to qualifying out-of-state medical cannabis patients who are validly registered in other states, territories, or the District of Columbia. Allows initial doctor-patient consultation to be via telehealth. Prohibits the Department of Health from imposing fees for patient registration.

Status: Dead for the year, Health held a hearing then recommended deferral,