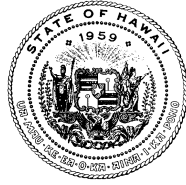


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Dear Dr. Otto:

Thank you for your letter dated September 8, 2020 requesting the department's plan to address the current perceived conflict between Hawaii's Medical Cannabis Program and federal drug law.

We appreciate your concern however; the department will not be pursuing this issue. The department's position remains the same. We have a responsibility to follow the law, and the Federal Scheduling of cannabis as a Schedule I controlled substance prevents us from deviating from the strict requirements of chapter 329, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Sincerely,

Danette Wong Tomiyasu

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