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Advisory for event Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. HST



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Hawaii Social Justice Groups Gather in Support of Cannabis Legalization

*News conference to be held Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in the rotunda of the
State Capitol*

Honolulu, HI — Hawaii social justice groups will gather on Wednesday for a news conference in support of legislation to legalize, regulate, and tax cannabis. The event is being held as momentum for legalization picks up in the state. Scheduled speakers at the event include Rep. Jeanné Kapela, DeVaughn Ward of the Marijuana Policy Project, Nikos Leverenz of Drug Policy Forum Hawaii, and George Cordero of the ACLU Hawaii. The group will also be urging state lawmakers to include processes for automatic record clearance and resentencing in cannabis proposals.

WHAT: News conference with Hawaii social justice organizations to advocate for ending the prohibition of cannabis and providing retroactive relief for the victims of cannabis prohibition

WHEN: Wednesday, January 11, 10:30 a.m. HST

WHERE: Rotunda of the Capitol, 415 S Beretania St., Honolulu, HI 96813

WHO: Rep. Jeanné Kapela, 5th District

DeVaughn Ward, Marijuana Policy Project

George Cordero, ACLU of Hawai'i

Nikos Leverenz, Drug Policy Forum of Hawaii

Gracie Johnson, Last Prisoner Project (In Absentia)

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The Hawaii Alliance for Cannabis Reform is a coalition of citizens, organizations, and community leaders working to end marijuana prohibition in Hawaii and replace it with a system in which marijuana is not only regulated and taxed similarly to alcohol but also provides retroactive relief for those harmed by its prohibition. For more information, visit www.legalizehawaii.org