## Primary Election – Saturday August 13, 2022

Saturday, August 13 is Primary Election Day for Hawaii! This year, every elected office in Hawaii is on the ballot. You may recall that the state Senate passed a legalization bill by a significant majority in 2021. However, the measure failed to gain traction in the House and died in this year's legislative session. This year's elections will be critical in determining whether Hawaii will finally adopt cannabis legalization in 2023.

MPP has created a voter guide that explains where the candidates stand on cannabis legalization. It includes responses to our candidate questionnaire along with information on whether incumbents supported cannabis bills in their past votes.

Due to redistricting, your legislative district may have changed since you last voted. You can find your state Senate and House district — along with everything else that will be on your ballot — on <u>Ballotpedia</u>. If you're not already registered to vote, you can find your voting center here. The deadline to submit a paper voter registration application for the primary election is August 3. Voters can also register to vote <u>online</u>. To access the online system, you must have your Hawaii state driver's license or ID card and know your Social Security number.

Mail In and absentee voting begins July 26 and ends August 6. In-person voting opens Saturday, August 13 from 7am to 7pm. Please remember, that in the primary election you can only vote for candidates of your registered affiliate party. Only the Democrat and Republican parties have competitive primaries this year.

If you happen to speak to a candidate and get new information that we didn't include, please let us know at dward@mpp.org.

Here are the questions asked in the candidate questionnaire:

- 1.) Nineteen states including every state along the western seaboard and Nevada have passed laws making cannabis possession legal for adults. Would you support legislation making cannabis legal for adults 21 and older to possess cannabis for personal use in the 2023 session?
- 2.) Do you support legalizing and regulating retail sales of cannabis and cannabis-infused products to adults 21 and older to create jobs and revenue for Hawaii?
- 3.) Most of the legalization jurisdictions allow adults 21 and older to discreetly and securely cultivate their own limited supply of cannabis for personal use, same as every state allows the home brewing of beer. Do you support allowing adults to grow their own cannabis for personal use?
- 4.) If Hawaii legalizes possession and retail sales of cannabis to adults 21 and older, would you support measures in the cannabis market to prioritize and incentivize opportunities for native Hawaiians and the communities most impacted by cannabis prohibition?

## **Color Key for Candidates:**

**Green** = supports legalizing cannabis for adults' use

**Orange** = uncertain on candidate's position OR less supportive of legalization **Red** = opposed OR much less supportive than other candidates

Dist.	Party	Candidate	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Notes	Comments
1	D	Laura Acasio					Did not	Co-Sponsored
_		Ladia / (casio					respond	and voted "YES"
							to	to SB767 - a
								cannabis
							survey.	
								legalization bill -
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1	D	Lorraine					Did not	
		Rodero Inouye					respond	
							to	
							survey.	
1	D	Wil Okabe					Did not	
							respond	
							to	
1	R	Holon C Tunoi					Survey.	
1	K	Helen C. Tupai					Did not	
							respond	
							to	
							survey.	
2	D	Joy San	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
		Buenaventura						
2	L	Frederick F.					Did not	
		Fogel					respond	
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							survey.	
2	R	Dianne					Did not	
_		Hensley					respond	
		richisicy					to	
2	R	Hally I. Oshara					survey. Did not	
2	K	Holly L. Osborn						
							respond	
							to	
							survey.	
3	D	Dru Mamo					Did not	Voted "YES" to
		Kahuna					respond	SB767 - a
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							survey.	legalization bill -
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4	D	Herbert					Did not	
'		Richards (Tim)					respond	
		Menaras (Tim)					to	
1	D	Nicheles N4	Vos	Vos	Voc	Vos	survey.	
4	R	Nicholas M.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
		Tancheff						
5	D	Gil S. Coloma					Did not	Co-Sponsored
	_	Keith-Agaran					respond	and voted "YES"
		Neith-Agaian						to SB767 - a
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6	D	Shaina Forsyth					Did not	
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							survey.	
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6	D	Tamara I. Goebbert (Mara)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Undecided		
6	D	Angus L.K. McKelvey (Mac)	Yes - "I had the political courage to be the first legislator to introduce such a measure 10 years ago despite the warning from senior lawmakers and leadership that it would be political suicide to do so. I had faith a majority of the electorate of the 10th district had evolved on the matter like in other states and saw it as way to generate much needed revenue and increase spending from the visitor industry and have been reaffirmed in that view by my subsequent reelection.	Yes	Yes - "I also included this provision, called the "Ditch Weed Provision" in my bill and tried to make it part of the medical marijuana bill I co-authored and as CPC chair."	Yes		
6	R	Philip A. Raya	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
6	R	Sheila Walker					Did not respond to survey.	
6	G	Melissah Shishido (Mish)					Did not respond to survey.	
7	D	Leo Kaniela Caires					Did not respond to survey.	
7	D	Lynn Pualani Decoite					Did not respond to survey.	Voted "YES" to SB767 - a cannabis legalization bill - in 2021
7	D	Walter Ritte					Did not respond	

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7	R	Tamara McKay					Did not	
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8	D	Ronald Kouchi					Did not	Voted "YES" to
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8	AA	Kapana					Did not	
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9	D	Stanley Chang					Did not	Voted "YES" to SB767 - a
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9	N	James Malish					Did not	111 2021
		(Ryan)					respond	
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							survey.	
9	R	Michael L.					Did not	
		Parrish (Mike)					respond	
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10	D	Les S. Ihara Jr.					Did not	Co-Sponsored
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10	R	Leilani M. Soon					Did not	111 2021
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		Thomas					respond	
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11	D	Carol Fukunaga					Did not	
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11	D	Ian M.A. Ross	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	D11 :	
11	R	Benjamin Sakai					Did not	
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12	R	Blake Boyd					survey.  Did not	
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12	D	Sharon Y. Moriwaki			Did not respond to survey.	Voted "NO" to SB767 - a cannabis legalization bill - in 2021
13	D	Karl Rhoads			Did not respond to survey.	Voted "YES" to SB767 - a cannabis legalization bill - in 2021
13	G	Kapono Aluli Souza			Did not respond to survey.	
13	R	Matthew Tinay			Did not respond to survey.	
13	N	Michelle Kwock			Did not respond to survey.	
14	D	Donna Mercado Kim			Did not respond to survey.	Voted "YES" to SB767 - a cannabis legalization bill - in 2021
14	R	Cheryl Rzonca			Did not respond to survey.	
14	N	Anegla Melody Young			Did not respond to survey.	
15	D	Glenn Wakai			Did not respond to survey.	Voted "YES" to SB767 - a cannabis legalization bill - in 2021
15	R	Lorene A. Godfrey			Did not respond to survey.	
16	D	Brandon J. C. Elefante			Did not respond to survey.	
16	D	Bennette Misalucha			Did not respond to survey.	Voted "NO" to SB767 - a cannabis legalization bill - in 2021
16	R	Patricia Yuki Beekman			Did not respond	

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23	R	Shimabukuro  Brenton Awa					respond to survey.	SB767 - a cannabis legalization bill - in 2021
22	D	Maile S.L.					to survey. Did not	Voted "YES" to
22	R	Samantha Decorte					Did not respond	
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21	R	Matthew D.	1 5	1 5	1 5	103	Did not	
21	D	Mike Gabbard	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	to survey.	cannabis legalization bill - in 2021
20	R	Kurt Fevella					Did not respond	Voted "NO" to SB767 - a
		Clemente					respond to survey.	
19	D	Roger					survey. Did not	
10		Aquino					respond to	
19	D	Henry J. C.					survey.	
18	R	Emil Svrcina					Did not respond to	
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18	R	Mary Smart					Did not	2021
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18	D	Michelle N. Kidani					Did not respond	Voted "NO" to SB767 - a
		Hudson					respond to survey.	
17	R	Anna Misako					survey.	
17	R	Karl O. Dicks					Did not respond to	
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25	D	Chris Lee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Co-Sponsored
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