



SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 14-006

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MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS TO GRANT COLORADO RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS THE AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT MEDICAL CLINICAL TRIALS REGARDING MARIJUANA'S MEDICAL EFFICACY.

WHEREAS, Colorado is in a unique situation regarding marijuana use in this country; and

WHEREAS, Colorado's constitution authorizes the legal use of marijuana for both medical and private adult use, but the use of marijuana is still illegal under federal law; and

WHEREAS, Because marijuana use has been illegal under federal law since 1937, there is limited modern, scientific-based research regarding the medical use of marijuana; and

WHEREAS, Without medical research, most information regarding marijuana's medical efficacy is limited in clinical or scientific evidence and is anecdotal or observational; and

WHEREAS, Several marijuana extracts seem to demonstrate significant benefits for pain control, treatment of childhood epileptic seizures, and other beneficial effects, often with fewer side effects than prescription drugs, and without use dependence; and

WHEREAS, Colorado has an unprecedented opportunity to provide the United States with scientific-based, peer-reviewed clinical medical research that could lead to a medical consensus regarding marijuana's medical efficacy to treat a number of chronic and debilitating medical conditions; and

WHEREAS, Colorado is proposing to spend up to \$10 million studying marijuana's medical efficacy in Senate Bill 14-155; and

WHEREAS, Federal law currently significantly restricts state research institutions that receive federal funding from conducting controlled clinical trials regarding marijuana's medical efficacy; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-ninth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:

That the United States Congress is hereby memorialized to provide statutory relief to grant Colorado research institutions the authority to conduct controlled clinical and objective medical research trials regarding marijuana's medical efficacy.

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Joint Memorial be sent to each member of the Colorado Congressional delegation, the speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the president of the United States Senate.

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