

## Senate Resolution 112 - Introduced

### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 112

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1 A Resolution requesting the legislative council to  
2 establish a legislative interim study committee to  
3 study the feasibility of establishing a medical use  
4 of cannabis program in this state.

5 WHEREAS, modern medical research has confirmed the  
6 beneficial uses of cannabis in treating or alleviating  
7 the pain, nausea, and other symptoms associated with a  
8 variety of debilitating medical conditions, including  
9 epilepsy, cancer, multiple sclerosis, and HIV/AIDS, as  
10 found by the national academy of sciences' institute of  
11 medicine in March 1999; and

12 WHEREAS, studies published since the 1999 Institute  
13 of Medicine report continue to show the therapeutic  
14 value of cannabis in treating a wide array of  
15 debilitating medical conditions including relief of  
16 the neuropathic pain caused by multiple sclerosis,  
17 HIV/AIDS, and other illnesses that often fail to  
18 respond to conventional treatments, increasing the  
19 chances of patients continuing on life-saving treatment  
20 regimens; and

21 WHEREAS, cannabis has many currently accepted  
22 medical uses in the United States, having been  
23 recommended by thousands of licensed physicians to at  
24 least 600,000 patients in states with medical cannabis  
25 laws; and

26 WHEREAS, the medical utility of cannabis is  
27 recognized by a wide range of medical and public health

1 organizations, including the American Academy of HIV  
2 medicine, the American college of physicians, the  
3 American nurses association, the American public health  
4 association, the leukemia and lymphoma society, and  
5 many others; NOW THEREFORE,

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the legislative  
7 council is requested to establish a legislative interim  
8 study committee for the 2014 legislative interim to  
9 make recommendations on the feasibility of establishing  
10 a medical cannabis program in this state allowing  
11 qualifying resident patients to purchase and possess  
12 cannabis for medical purposes, and to file a final  
13 report including recommendations with the general  
14 assembly by December 30, 2014.