



# THE DRUG WAR RALLY & SIGN WAVING

Friday, June 17, 2011

Hawai`i Capitol Rotunda

4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

## *Why should YOU care?*

- **Medical Marijuana Patients:** Your access to cannabis to relieve your suffering is threatened.
- **Native Hawaiians:** You bear a disproportionate burden of the punitive response to drug use and made up the largest portion (32%) of the people admitted to prison for drug offenses in 2009.
- **`Ohana – The Invisibly Incarcerated:** Your family's lifetime earnings are impacted by incarceration (Center for Economic Policy Research-[www.cepr.net/documents/publications/ex-offenders-2010-11.pdf](http://www.cepr.net/documents/publications/ex-offenders-2010-11.pdf)) despite the fact that Hawai`i's imprisoned population is primarily nonviolent drug lawbreakers.
- **Public Health Advocates:** Which has done more harm – drugs or the drug war, which has tattered the social fabric of Hawai`i and helped decimate the safety net for our most vulnerable community members?
- **Taxpayers:** Since 2000, your hard-earned tax dollars have increased the Department of Public Safety (PSD) budget by 90%, the budget for non-state prison beds by more than 200% (exporting more than \$50m a year from our struggling economy), and paid claims against PSD of more than \$5.5m.

*What's wrong with this picture?*

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