

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

678

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 28, 2013

RE: H.B. No. 154

H.D. 2

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 154, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INDUSTRIAL HEMP,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture to establish and fund a two-year industrial hemp remediation and biofuel crop pilot program to determine whether growing industrial hemp is an effective soil rejuvenation method and whether it can be used as a viable biofuel feedstock.

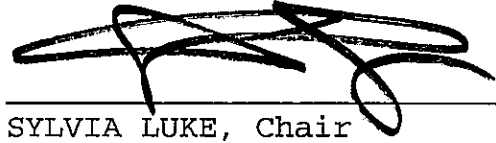
Vote Hemp and several concerned individuals testified in support of this measure. The Honolulu Police Department testified in opposition to this measure. The Department of Public Safety; Pacific Biodiesel Technologies; International Longshore and Warehouse Union, Local 142; and a concerned individual offered comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 154, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,



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SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



