

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 21 2013

RE: H.B. No. 154  
H.D. 2  
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2013  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committees on Agriculture and Energy and Environment, to which was referred H.B. No. 154, H.D. 2, entitled:

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

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds for and authorize the Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture to establish a two-year industrial hemp remediation and biofuel crop pilot program.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture, Hawaii Farmers Union United, Pacific Biodiesel Technologies, American Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii, and twenty-four individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Public Safety and two individuals.

Your Committees find that agricultural operations in the past have left toxins in vast amounts of land in Hawaii. Your Committees further find that hemp is a superior phytoremediator because it grows quickly and extracts toxins from the soil without the need to remove contaminated topsoil. Industrial hemp is also an environmentally friendly and efficient feedstock for biofuel. Your Committees conclude that a hemp remediation and biofuel crop pilot program will enhance the quality of agricultural lands and increase biodiesel fuel supplies. The Department of Agriculture expressed concerns, however, regarding the necessary

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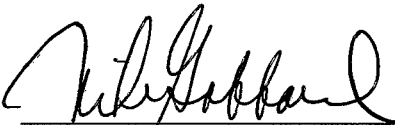


administrative requirements imposed by the State's Narcotics Enforcement Division and the federal Drug Enforcement Administration on Cannabis products, including hemp, and the fact that the Department of Agriculture does not have experience in obtaining a controlled substance registration or in growing hemp. Accordingly, your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Authorizing the Director of the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, rather than the Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture, to establish and direct the two-year industrial hemp remediation and biofuel crop pilot program;
- (2) Changing the expending agency of the appropriation to the University of Hawaii; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Agriculture and Energy and Environment that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 154, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 154, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Agriculture and  
Energy and Environment,



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MIKE GABBARD, Chair



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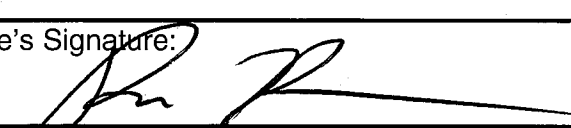
CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair





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**Record of Votes**  
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 154 HD2	AGL/ENE, WAM	3/14/13		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
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Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)	X			
RUDERMAN, Russell E. (VC)	X			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	X			
IHARA, Jr., Les	X			
SLOM, Sam	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>	5		0	0
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