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**HB154**

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D. Corcoran	Individual	Support	No

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From: Judie Lundborg Hoepfner [mailto:judie@aloha.net]  
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To: Rep. Angus McKelvey; Rep. Derek Kawakami  
Subject: Testimony for HB 154

Dear Representative McKelvey,

Please vote for HB 154 and allow the Chair of the Board of Agriculture to establish a two-year industrial hemp remediation pilot program. With its multiple growing seasons, Hawaii is in a unique position to do research on hemp for phytoremediation. Learning more about which varieties of hemp work the best to clean up contaminated soil is in the vital interests of the state and the country as a whole. Varieties developed here in Hawaii could be of benefit to clean up sites across the U.S. and the world.

Hemp production could revolutionize our state economy!

Please vote for HB 154. Thank you.

Judie Hoepfner  
Kapaa, Hawaii  
808 639 0212

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From: Rich Hoepfner [mailto:richoep@aloha.net]  
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Subject: Testimony for HB154

House Bill 154 should be passed to allow commercial hemp programs in the State of Hawaii. This material could result in 1500 products being manufactured and could revitalize the economy of our State with new jobs and new tax income resulting.

Rich Hoepfner, Wailua, Kapaa, Kaua'i

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**From:** Wendee Wilson on behalf of Rep. Angus McKelvey  
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To: Rep. Angus McKelvey  
Subject: "Testimony for HB 154. YES!"

I own the only Hemp store on Maui and we have to import fabrics from China (so sad) and oils from Canada. A whole new industry can be started in Hawaii making fiber board (stronger than drywall) and so much more.

If the police are worried about marijuana, the hemp will cross pollinate marijuana grown outdoors and make it less potent. I've been researching for 15 years.

What a great plant to keep soil from eroding, create jobs and it takes very little water, unlike sugar cane.

Canada has been growing hemp for almost 10 years without a problem. Once it's a foot high it is quite distinguishable from marijuana.

Thank You,  
Kathy Barr  
Hemp House, Paia  
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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Karly Williams	Babes Against Biotech	Support	Yes

Comments: I am in full support of HB154! The future is NOW! The GMO fields and chemical test spray sites have been poisoning our 'aina, our food, the people, our keiki, the ocean and the animals. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH. Time to progress, and make reparations and to fix all the wrong and harm that has been done onto our home. Hemp is a powerful phytoremediator and can draw toxins from the soil. The future of hemp is a beautiful one. It saves the lives of the trees and is an exponentially more sustainable material for energy, building, clothes, food, paper, and plastics. Do not fall victim to lies and deceit provided by the CORPORATIONS!! Do the pono thing, do the research! Hemp will not only revolutionize, and save the planet, but it will HEAL the planet and all those that dwell within it.

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12 February 2013

The Honorable Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair,  
The Honorable Derek Kawakami, Vice-Chair,  
and Members, Committee on  
Consumer Protection & Commerce  
Hawai'i State Capitol  
415 South Beretania St., Honolulu HI 96813

Dear Chairman McKelvey & Vice-Chairman Kawakami,

I am writing in support of HB 154 that authorizes the Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture to establish a two year hemp remediation pilot program. Use of hemp to remove toxins from the soil through phytoremediation is an environmentally sound and fiscally responsible practice that will not only benefit the soil but will demonstrate just one of hemp's many productive uses. Passage of this bill will also demonstrate that Hawaii has learned what nearly a dozen states and thirty countries already know: that hemp is an incredibly useful and resilient material that is NOT a dangerous drug.

The naturally occurring hemp plant grows in dense crops that are resistant to insects and weeds, resulting in higher yields and eliminating the need for pesticides and herbicides, primary causes of non-point source pollution that foul our beaches and near shore waters. In addition to soil remediation, hemp can be used for a wide variety of purposes, including the production of paper, textiles, clothing, biodegradable plastics, construction materials, and bio-fuel.

Unfortunately, the use of industrial hemp in the United States is still a federal crime, primarily for two reasons:

- Constant pressure from the agricultural, textile and paper industries, who see hemp as a threat to their environmentally destructive but very lucrative current business practices; and
- Fear mongering from law enforcement agencies who continue to confuse industrial hemp with marijuana.

One only needs to read the misinformation contained in written testimony submitted earlier this session to the Committee on Agriculture by the Honolulu Police Department to see an example of the latter fact. Industrial hemp has a THC content of between 0.1% and 1% while common recreational marijuana has a THC content of between 3% and 20%. It is virtually impossible to smoke enough hemp to get a buzz.

Passage of HB 154 is good for Hawai'i's soil and opens the door for future use of an incredibly versatile and environmentally friendly plant. Please vote yes on this bill. Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

David Swatland

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Michael Broady Jr.	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: Aloha, my name is Michael Broady Jr., I am a life long resident of O'ahu, a student at Leeward Community College, and a small organic farmer practicing biodiverse permaculture on limited land. I support the use of industrial hemp for phytoremediation, as our soils are in need of a powerful phytoremediator in the aftermath of pesticide monocultures. As President Franklin D. Roosevelt once said, "A nation that destroys its soils destroys itself".

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claudia rice	Individual	Support	No

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Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Support	No

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shelby hansen	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, This is great news! Please support a hemp pilot program to help remediate our soil! Hemp is a powerful phytoremediator and can draw toxins from the soil, we NEED HEMP in Hawaii! I Support HB154 Mahalo, Shelby Hansen

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Blake Watson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, I am writing in support of HB154. I applaud the Legislature for hearing this important measure. Passing it into law would be a small but important step in the right direction. That said, most of the rest of the industrialized world already grows and produces countless hemp products, as well as already conducted bioremediation studies using hemp that can be referenced. So doing a hemp pilot program is good, as was the last one Hawaii did around 10 years ago. The only thing I would add to it is to deal preemptively with Federal law. This can be done by adding that the state of Hawaii is doing this program despite the Federal Controlled Substances Act (CSA). Congress passed the CSA giving the rights to the states, not the DEA, to determine use of a controlled substance. Inserting language into this measure that preserves that right in the CSA and the Full Faith and Credit Act of the U.S. Constitution, would protect the state from repercussions from the Federal government, because hemp and marijuana are the same plant under the law and botanically speaking- as far as the CSA is concerned. It's our right as a state to do what is important for our health, environment, and economy, without Federal interference. Please pass this measure, and also consider making this amendment. Thank you, Blake Watson

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