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HB1145

Submitted on: 1/29/2013

Testimony for AGR on Jan 31, 2013 09:00AM in Conference Room 312

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alexander Dillard	Top Shelf Aquatics	Oppose	No

Comments: By passing this Bill it will only cause higher transport losses in the saltwater aquarium fish shipping which will greatly affect the aquarium industry worldwide. Please do not pass this bill.

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January 31, 2013

The Honorable Jessica Wooley, Chair
and Members
Committee on Agriculture
House of Representatives
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Wooley and Members:

Subject: House Bill No. 154, Relating to Industrial Hemp

I am Jerry Inouye, Captain of the Narcotics/Vice Division of the Honolulu Police Department, City and County of Honolulu.

The Honolulu Police Department opposes House Bill No. 154, Relating to Industrial Hemp, which seeks to authorize the Chair of the Board of Agriculture to establish an industrial hemp remediation pilot program.

The Industrial Hemp Remediation Program will involve the use of the cannabis sativa L plant. The cannabis sativa, or marijuana, contains delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), classified as a Schedule I controlled substance under the Controlled Substances Act of 1970.

Although the bill proposes the use of industrial hemp as a phytoremediator, there are other plants that can be used for that purpose.

The Honolulu Police Department strongly urges you to oppose House Bill No. 154, Relating to Industrial Hemp.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

APPROVED:

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Louis M. Kealoa", is written over a horizontal line.

LOUIS M. KEALOHA
Chief of Police

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jerry Inouye", is written above the printed name.

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HB154

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Hugh Starr	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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January 29, 2013

Representative Jessica Wooley, Chair
Representative Richard Onishi, Vice Chair
AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

HEARING: Thursday, January 31, 2013, 9:00 am, Conference room 312

Re: In support of House Bill 154 relating to Industrial Hemp

Dear Speaker Souki, Chair Wooley, Vice-Chair Onishi and members of the Committee,

Pacific Biodiesel Technologies (PBT) wholeheartedly supports House Bill 154, allowing for experimental cultivation of industrial to test its phytoremediation capabilities.

As Hawaii's only commercial biofuel production company, PBT has for over a decade been exploring a wide range of potential new feedstocks beyond the state's current supply of waste vegetable oil. We are currently engaged in a federally funded biofuel crop demonstration project, working closely with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as our sponsoring agency, to determine viable biofuel crops for Hawaii and develop production models that we can share with local farmers. It was our desire, with enthusiastic support from our military sponsors, to include hemp in our crop trials; however, we encountered the roadblock of severe requirements due to its designation as a narcotic, which we believe is now widely known to be erroneous.

If the legislature supports HB312, PBT would be interested in partnering with the State Dept. of Agriculture to reduce costs for the phytoremediation trials. We are conducting trials on the North Shore of Oahu and potentially Waimea on the island of Hawaii, and would be happy to collaborate using our resources and farming experts. Our Hawaii Military Biofuel Crop project is slated to continue through the end of 2013 so it would be possible to get a crop cycle of hemp cultivated within that time frame if the bill passes this session.

We believe that hemp will eventually be legalized nationally and that Hawaii is the ideal place to develop industrialized hemp into its incredible potential for soil remediation, food, fuel, building materials, clothing, skin care products, etc. Please pass HB154.

Sincerely,

Kelly T. King

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kerri Marks	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support this program

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HB154

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joan Conrow	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Mahalo for conducting a hearing on this worthwhile bill. I see it as a step in the right direction toward recognizing that hemp is an extremely useful plant that has been wrongly demonized and outlawed. It makes sense to conduct a pilot project to determine if this plant could help clean the aina, which has been subjected to so much contamination from industrial agricultural and other sources. Please give hemp a chance to begin proving its usefulness and support this bill with sufficient funding to carry out its intent. Mahalo!

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