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Arvid Tadao Youngquist	1,978 "Conventional People"	Support	No

Comments: Chair, Sen. David Ige, Senate WAM Committee V. Chair, Sen. Michelle N. Kidani, WAM Committee Right Honorable Senate WAM Committee Members
Good morning! We believe the Tsunami Advisory should have been lifted by 8 am this morning here in Oahu. Our condolences to the six deceased individuals and their families in Chile. As we look at this measure before us, we find ourselves with an opportunity to make a difference. It is hoped that this WAM Committee as a Whole will advise the Senate colleagues on the Floor to recommend approval of this legislation. Thank you again, for hearing this measure after a very tense and touch and go night, here in Oahu, as well all along the South American West Coast. May God Bless the people of both regions. Aloha no, Arvid Tadao Youngquist Founder, Administrator, & Spokesman

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I, Nathan Graves strongly support the passage of HB154 SD1 and any provisions that will make the legislation permanent.

I support this legislation for multiple reasons. Firstly, industrial hemp has many benefits, including being a renewable raw material for plastics and being used for biofuel. The U.S retail usage amounts for a much as 500 million annually. However, we continue to import hemp from Canada, Europe, and China because of laws prohibiting its growth in the United States. Hemp also is incredibly resistant to many pests and is able to outcompete most weeds for growth.

As perception towards industrial hemp shifts in the United States, an important first step to its implementation is University research and pilot programs. For this reason it is important that HB154 HD2 SD1 is passed. Without passage of the bill, the state of Hawaii will lack important research that could help fuel a new sustainable industry on the islands. Industrial hemp biofuels if successful can have a positive impact on both Hawaii's industry and its environment. Thus, I fully endorse this essential legislation and urge the Hawaii State Legislature to pass it into law.

Sincerely,

Nathan Graves