Honolulu, Hawaii

April 8 , 2016

RE: S.B. No. 2659

S.D. 2 H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Eighth State Legislature Regular Session of 2016 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred S.B. No. 2659, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish an Industrial Hemp Pilot Program within the Department of Agriculture (DOA) to allow the cultivation of industrial hemp and distribution of its seed in the State for agricultural or academic research, and appropriate funds for one full-time equivalent position in DOA to effectuate the pilot program.

Revolution Aloha, Hawaii Farmers Union United, Hawaii Farmers Union United - Kona Chapter, Maui Hemp Institute for Research and Innovation, Hawaii Farm Bureau, Kihei Community Association, Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii, and numerous individuals testified in support of this measure. The DOA, Alexander & Baldwin, Inc., and Wear on Earth - Hawaii commented on this measure.

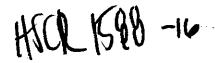
As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2659, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

SYLVIA LUKE, Chair

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:			Date:		
SB2659 SD2 HD1	AGR, JUD, FIN		04/01/16			
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.						
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold						
Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)						
FIN Members		Ayes	Ayes (WI	R)	Nays	Excused
1. LUKE, Sylvia (C)		//				
2. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. (VC)		/_				
3. CACHOLA, Romy M.						
4. CULLEN, Ty J.K.						
5. DeCOITE, Lynn					·	
6. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling						
7. JORDAN, Jo						
8. KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett				ļ		
9. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand	_					
10. LoPRESTI, Matthew S.						
11. LOWEN, Nicole E.						
12. ONISHI, Richard H.K.						
13. TOKIOKA, James Kunane						
14. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.						
15. POUHA, Feki						
16. WARD, Gene						
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TOTAL (16)	_	(5				
The recommendation is:	='	☐ Not Adopted	d			
If joint referral, did not support recommendation.						
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Vice Chair's or designee's signature:						
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