

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

624

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 05 2015

RE: S.B. No. 375
S.D. 2

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 375, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize the growing of industrial hemp and to appropriate funds to the Department of Agriculture to implement the measure.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Decriminalizes activities related to industrial hemp;
- (2) Requires growers of industrial hemp to register with the Board of Agriculture to grow only industrial hemp that is on a list of approved seed cultivars; and
- (3) Excludes institutions of higher education and registered seed breeders from the registration requirement.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the University of Hawaii, ILWU Local 142, Hawaii Farmers Union United, Ai Pohaku, Ilio Lani Farm LLC, Laakea Community LLC, One Island Sustainable Living, Flavor of Hawaii Farms, Green Futures, Waihuena Farm, and one hundred and five individuals. Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture and one individual.




Your Committee finds that industrial hemp is a crop that is worthy of consideration for its economic potential.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Correcting the name of an entity to "the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development";
- (2) Designating sections 141-1 to 141-10, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as "Part I. General Provisions";
- (3) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure; and
- (5) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of style, clarity, and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 375, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 375, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,



JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB375 SDI	A&L/JDL, WAM	2/26/15		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	✓			
HARIMOTO, Breene	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	✓			
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	4	0	0	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">M. D. M.</div>				
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