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**TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT  
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**BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR**

February 25, 2016  
9:01 A.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM 016

**SENATE BILL NO. 2787 SD1  
RELATING TO INDUSTRIAL HEMP**

Chairperson Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 2787 SD1. This bill establishes the authority, procedure, and licensing requirements related to the production of industrial hemp as an agricultural product, and requires the Department of Agriculture to promote research and development of markets for industrial hemp. The bill also establishes that the possession, use, sale, or transfer of industrial hemp for research and development purposes shall not constitute certain offenses involving a detrimental drug. The Department of Agriculture supports the intent of this measure.

The Hawaii Department of Agriculture supports all agriculture. Where there has been an ask from part of Hawaii's agricultural community to move forward with Hemp as a potential crop, the Department will move forward in support of that effort and the intent of this bill. Because industrial hemp is still illegal by Federal law, there will be limitations on how much and the type of work that the Department can support in working with Hemp.

It is important for persons or business entities seeking to grow industrial hemp under this bill to note that they will be subject to stringent information requirements, record keeping, crop handling processes, periodic inspection of the entire seed-to-processing procedure, and compliance with all other State laws

Thank you for the opportunity to submit our testimony.



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Randy Cabral	Hawaii Farm Bureau	Support	Yes

Comments:

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Barbara Barry	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, I strongly support growing hemp in Hawaii. Maui will soon have thousands of sugarcane acres available that could be planted with hemp keeping our HC&S workers employed and assisting the process of rejuvenating the land. The time is now, please support this bill. Mahalo,

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