

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 226  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2017  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred S.B. No. 226 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 fund a program coordinator position and inspector position within the Department of Agriculture for the industrial hemp program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture, Hawaii Farmers Union United, Hawai'i Farm Bureau, and nine individuals.

Your Committee finds that Act 228, Session Laws of Hawaii 2016, established the industrial hemp pilot program to allow the cultivation of industrial hemp and distribution of its seed in Hawaii through limited activities by licensee-agents of the Board of Agriculture for purposes of agricultural or academic research. To ensure success, the program must be properly staffed with a program coordinator and inspector and have the proper funding for program operations.

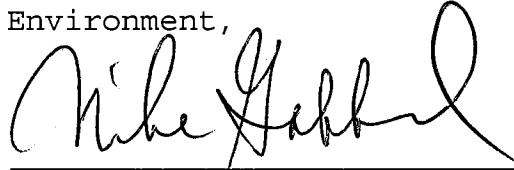
Your Committee has amended this measure to designate that the appropriation is for industrial hemp program operations, in addition to funding staff positions.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture and Environment that is attached to this



report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 226, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 226, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Agriculture and  
Environment,




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MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Agriculture and Environment**  
**AEN**

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| Bill / Resolution No.:*  | Committee Referral: | Date:    |     |         |
| SB 226   | AEN, WAM            | 1-30-17  |     |         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.<br>If so, then the previous decision was to: _____  |                     |          |     |         |
| The Recommendation is:<br><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 |
| GABBARD, Mike (C)  | X                   |          |     |         |
| RIVIERE, Gil (VC)  | X                   |          |     |         |
| NISHIHARA, Clarence K.   |                     |          |     | X       |
| RHOADS, Karl   | X                   |          |     |         |
| RUDERMAN, Russell E.   | X                   |          |     |         |
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| Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted   |                     |          |     |         |
| Chair's or Designee's Signature:<br>  |                     |          |     |         |
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