

SB 226

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**TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT

**JANUARY 30, 2017
1:15 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 224**

**SENATE BILL NO. 226
RELATING TO INDUSTRIAL HEMP**

Chairperson Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

Thank for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill 226 which proposes to appropriate funds for one full-time equivalent program coordinator and one full-time equivalent inspector position for the industrial hemp pilot program for the next biennium. The department supports this bill and requests that it be amended to allow the funds to also be expended to administer the program.

Act 228, SLH 2016 pertaining to the industrial hemp pilot program only appropriated funds for these positions for fiscal year 2016-2017. The department is currently awaiting approval from the Governor to conduct public hearing on the proposed administrative rules to Act 228. The department will need funding for these positions and administrative costs to carry out the activities of this program.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Simon Russell	Hawaii Farmers Union United	Support	Yes

Comments: Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere and members of the Committee, HFUU strongly supports this legislation. Mahalo for hearing this measure, Simon Russell HFUU-Legislative Committee Chairman

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TESTIMONY ON SB 226
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Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and Members of the Committee:

I am Randy Cabral, President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,900 farm family members statewide, and serves as Hawaii's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic and educational interests of our diverse agricultural community.

The Hawaii Farm Bureau supports SB 226, providing funding for staffing and operations of the Hawaii industrial hemp program.

Industrial hemp provides an opportunity for our farmers to expand their production into new areas. The positions proposed are important to the success of the program. Current Hawaii Statute states:

[§141-35] Approved seed cultivars. (a) Industrial hemp shall be grown only if it is on the list of approved seed cultivars. The board may from time to time add or remove any seed cultivar from the list if the cultivar is found to be noncompliant with this part.

(b) The list of approved seed cultivars shall include the following:

(1) Industrial hemp seed cultivars that have been certified by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development; and

(2) Hawaii varieties of industrial hemp seed cultivars that have been certified by the board. [L 2016, c 228, pt of §2]

Identification of industrial hemp varieties that can be grown will require resources. This measure will address this need.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide our opinion on this matter.

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Jacqueline S. Ambrose	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support appropriating funds for one full-time equivalent program coordinator and one full-time equivalent inspector position within department of agriculture for the industrial hemp program.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Peggy McArdle	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha. I fully support SB226. Industrial Hemp in Hawaii needs to be supported and promoted in the fullest extent possible. Mahalo.

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Jennifer Mather	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Mary Lacques	Individual	Support	No

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Sunny Savage-Luskin	Individual	Support	No

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Mary Overbay	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Senators, I support SB226 relating to RELATING TO INDUSTRIAL HEMP. Hawaii must move ASAP to legalize hemp and cannabis, for the health of our people, and the wealth of our economy. GROW ORGANIC!

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Kathy Shimata	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hemp is a valuable product with many uses. I support efforts to encourage its growth.

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Barbara Barry	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair and Committee, Yes! Let's get growing hemp! Mahalo, Ms. Barbara Barry Ha'iku

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Brian Murphy	Individual	Support	No

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