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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT
& PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

FEBRUARY 8, 2017
1:15 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 224

SENATE BILL NO. 773
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Chairpersons Gabbard and Nishihara and Members of the Committees:

Thank for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill 773 which proposes to establish an industrial hemp special fund to carry out the industrial hemp pilot program, which was created by Act 228, SLH 2016. The department supports this bill.

To administer this program, the department will need to accept application fees, licensing fees, sampling fees and testing fees. To enforce this program, the department will need the ability to assess and accept fines. Currently, there is no fund established for the department to accept fees on behalf of the program. Without the fund, the program cannot function, nor have the chance of eventually sustaining itself.

Clarifying that cultivation of industrial hemp as an agricultural activity in Hawaii will prevent possible future disagreements and misunderstandings between individual grower's and counties in which they are cultivating hemp. This would also allow the growers to receive agricultural land and agricultural water use rates.

Restricting the growth of industrial hemp to within state agricultural land districts will help with the administration and enforcement of the program. This would likely prevent some small backyard hobbyist growing in urbanized areas where cultivation of hemp would be riskier and likely to affect the neighboring community.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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Comments: In support of the advancement of the industrial hemp industry in Hawaii. I firmly believe industrial hemp would immensely benefit the economy of our state.

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