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

**JANUARY 29, 2018
1:15 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 224**

**SENATE BILL NO. 2556
RELATING TO INDUSTRIAL HEMP**

Chairperson Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

Thanks for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 2556 relating to industrial hemp. This bill establishes a special fund within the department of agriculture to deposit and expend funds necessary for the operation of the industrial hemp pilot program. The Department strongly supports this bill.

In running the industrial hemp program, the department will collect application fees, license fees, inspection fees, and fines. The department hopes that the industrial hemp program eventually becomes self-sustaining, and towards that end finds it to be prudent to deposit money generated by the program into a fund dedicated to the program and its expenses. A special fund would allow program expenditures to be limited to and made according to the funds generated by the program, and not rely on general funds. This will help the Department assess and adjust the appropriateness of fees necessary for the program to be self-sustaining should the program become permanent.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.





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HEARING BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

TESTIMONY ON SB 2556
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Room 224
1:15 pm

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 interest of our diverse agricultural community.

HFB is in strong support of SB 2556, which establishes a special fund within the Hawaii Department of Agriculture to deposit funds necessary for the industrial hemp pilot program.

There is significant interest in growing industrial hemp for various end products in Hawaii. The development of such a program, including the current regulatory requirements to implement the program by the Department will require funds. This measure will assist with this need.

We respectfully request your support of this measure for the development of an alternative crop for Hawaii.

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

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Submitted on: 1/25/2018 5:52:25 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mae Nakahata	HFBF	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 1/26/2018 4:50:42 PM

Testimony for AEN on 1/29/2018 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	OCC Legislative Priorities	Support	No

Comments:

**PRESENTATION OF THE
OAHU COUNTY COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES
DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAII
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT
THE HAWAII STATE SENATE
TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2018
Monday, January 29, 2018
1:15 p.m.
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 224**

RE: Testimony in Support of SB 2556 RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

To the Honorable Mike Gabbard, Chair; the Honorable Gil Riviere, Vice-Chair and Members of the Committee on Agriculture and Environment:

Good afternoon, my name is Melodie Aduja. I serve as Chair of the Oahu County Legislative Priorities Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on Senate Bill No. 2556, relating to the Industrial Hemp Pilot Program. The OCC Legislative Priorities Committee is in favor of Senate Bill No. 2556 and support its passage.

Senate Bill No. 2556, is in accord with the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i ("DPH"), 2016, as it provides for a special fund for the industrial hemp pilot program. Specifically, the DPH Platform states, "Agriculture in our state must be

preserved and its future strengthened. . . . We likewise support publicly funding research and development for agricultural diversification and value-added products.” (Platform of the DPH, P. 2, Lines 76-77, 106-107, (2016)).

Given that Senate Bill No. 2556 provides for the development of an industrial hemp pilot program thereby adding to agricultural diversification and value-added products, it is the position of the OCC Legislative Committee to support this measure.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ **Melodie Aduja**

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Testimony for AEN on 1/29/2018 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rachel L. Kailianu	Ho`omana Pono, LLC	Support	Yes

Comments:

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Submitted on: 1/28/2018 9:04:15 PM

Testimony for AEN on 1/29/2018 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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Comments:

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Submitted on: 1/28/2018 10:21:11 PM

Testimony for AEN on 1/29/2018 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sherry Pollack		Support	No

Comments: