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**TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT  
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE**

**BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS**

**FEBRUARY 23, 2018  
11:00 A.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM 211**

**SENATE BILL NO. 2556  
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE**

Chairperson Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee:

Thanks for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 2556. 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.



**SB-2556**

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Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 11:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
De MONT R. D. CONNER	Testifying for Ho'omanapono Political Action Committee (HPAC)	Support	Yes

Comments:

We continue to STRONGLY SUPPORT this bill. Mahalo.

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Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 11:00:00 AM

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Rachel L. Kailianu	Testifying for Ho`omana Pono, LLC	Support	Yes

Comments:

Strong support.

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Submitted on: 2/22/2018 10:20:33 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 11:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Melodie Aduja	Testifying for OCC Legislative Priorities Committee, Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:

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Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 11:00:00 AM

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Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

Comments: