



**WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE, 2018**

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:
S.B. NO. 2556, RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

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BEFORE THE:

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

DATE: Friday, February 23, 2018 **TIME:** 11:00 a.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 211

TESTIFIER(S): **WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY.**
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Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General provides the following technical comments on this bill.

The purpose of this bill is to create a special fund for the department of agriculture industrial hemp pilot program. The proposed statutory amendment includes the following subsection:

(c) Moneys deposited into or appropriated to the special fund shall remain available until they are obligated or until the special fund is terminated.

This subsection could be interpreted as allowing funds to be expended from the special fund without the need for an appropriation. Pursuant to article VII, section 5 of the Hawaii State Constitution, money may not be expended from a special fund unless an appropriation is made out of that fund.

To resolve these concerns, we recommend amending the bill by deleting subsection c, found on page 2, lines 12-14, in its entirety.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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HEARING BEFORE THE
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TESTIMONY ON SB 2556
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Room 211
11:00 AM

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, 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.

The Hawaii Farm Bureau supports 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 By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jennifer Milholen	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Sherry Pollack	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Thank you for the opportunity to express my strong support for this bill!

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Carl Bergquist	Testifying for Drug Policy Forum of Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

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Comments: