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TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

FEBRUARY 6, 2019
9:15 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 312

HOUSE BILL NO. 131
RELATING TO HEMP

Chairperson Creagan and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill 131 which mandates the department submit a plan for hemp regulation to USDA, changes drug labelling laws regarding hemp, and changes the definition of marijuana to specifically exclude hemp. The Department offers comments on this measure.

The department respectfully defers Section 2 of this bill to the Department of Health. The department defers Sections 3, 4, and 5 of this bill to the Department of Public Safety but notes that Sections 3 and 5 of this bill, which seek to change the definition of marijuana to exclude hemp will almost certainly create confusion for the following reason:

1. The definition of marijuana includes all the parts of the plant (genus) Cannabis whether growing or not; “the seeds thereof...,” but then defines cannabis seeds which do not have more than 0.3% delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol concentration on a dry weight basis as hemp, effectively defining all cannabis seeds as hemp rather than marijuana since cannabis seeds themselves do not contain delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol. Under this definition, viable cannabis seeds which could produce high THC plants could qualify as hemp simply by being a seed.



The department believes adjusting the definition of marijuana to specifically exclude hemp is unnecessary as hemp is already distinguished from marijuana by definition. If adjustments to the definition are to be made, however, a more workable definition of marijuana which does not create automatic legal friction must be devised, and at a minimum distinction must be made between viable cannabis seeds produced outside of an authorized hemp program and viable cannabis seeds produced from a plant in a licensed hemp program which passed compliance sampling.

Regarding Sections 1 and 6 of this bill, which requires that the Department submit a plan for hemp regulation to USDA, the department has the following comments:

(1) It may not be practicable to submit a plan for a new state hemp regulatory program to USDA within days of this bill's passage.

(2) No personnel or funding is granted to help run any proposed new program, and the 2018 Farm Bill requires that state hemp regulatory plan submitted contain a certification that the state has the personnel and resources to carry out its submitted plan.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



**TESTIMONY OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE, 2019**

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:
H.B. NO. 131, RELATING TO HEMP.

BEFORE THE:
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

DATE: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 **TIME:** 9:15 a.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 312

TESTIFIER(S): Clare E. Connors, Attorney General, or
Andrew Goff, Deputy Attorney General

Chair Creagan and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General makes the following comments.

The purpose of this bill is to decriminalize industrial hemp and require the Hawaii Department of Agriculture to submit a regulatory plan for United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) approval pursuant to the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018.

The bill removes criminal violations for possession of hemp without including a penalty for production of hemp outside of a regulated program. The current industrial hemp pilot program does not include penalties for unlicensed production in its violations section. See section 141-38, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Without a penalty for unauthorized production of hemp, the Hawaii Department of Agriculture will not be able to submit a regulatory plan in compliance with section 10113 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018.

To resolve these concerns, we recommend the following wording be added to part IV of the Hawaii Penal Code:

"§712- Unauthorized production of hemp. (a) A person shall not produce hemp unless authorized pursuant to a state or federal program.

(b) A person who violates this section shall be subject to a monetary penalty of \$_____."

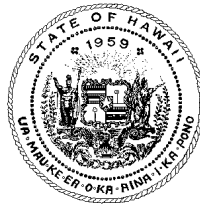
Similar wording is included in bill HB 266.

It should also be noted that, while this bill requires submitting a plan to monitor and regulate hemp for USDA approval, the Hawaii Department of Agriculture only has

statutory authority to run the current hemp pilot program. Even with USDA approval, implementing any plan that differs from the pilot program will require statutory change.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 131
RELATING TO HEMP.**

By
Nolan P. Espinda, Director

House Committee on Agriculture
Representative Richard P. Creagan, Chair
Representative Lynn DeCoite, Vice Chair

Wednesday, February 6, 2019; 9:15 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 312

Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) opposes House Bill (HB) 131, which proposes to facilitate the regulation and production of hemp by, among other things, amending the definition of "marijuana" in the state law to clarify that hemp is not marijuana.

Law enforcement officers would have a very difficult time discerning the difference between hemp and marijuana. Hemp plants, materials, and products have the identical appearance to marijuana plants, materials, and products. They look exactly the same. Under this bill, people could be unnecessarily detained, or even arrested, if they are in possession of hemp. As another example, at our airports, security personnel may not be able to determine if an article is hemp or marijuana, and if marijuana, whether it is medical marijuana. This would cause unnecessary delay and inconvenience and confusion for the travelling public.

PSD further opposes HB 131 because the proposed change to the definition of marijuana may cause unintended problems with the prosecution of serious offenses.

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For example, prosecutions for operating a vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant and promoting prison contraband rely on the definition of a “drug” that is included in chapter 329 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes. This bill excludes hemp as a “drug.”

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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February 4, 2019

TO: The Honorable Richard P. Creagan, Chair
Committee on Agriculture

FROM: Kelly T. King
Council Chair

Handwritten signature of Kelly T. King in black ink.

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY 6, 2019; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF
HB 131, RELATING TO HEMP**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to legalize hemp to the extent legalized under federal law and requires the Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture to prepare and submit a proposed state plan to monitor and regulate hemp production.

The Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. Therefore, I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I support this measure for the following reasons:

1. Hemp has the potential to remediate our contaminated soils and is naturally resistant to most pests.
2. Growing hemp could have a substantial positive impact on the economy. According to the Hemp Industries Association, the U.S. hemp industry was valued at an estimated \$500 million in annual retail sales and grown for all hemp products.
3. Legalization of hemp to the extent legalized under federal law would be appropriate because hemp has no value as a recreational drug. It is of a different breed of Cannabis sativa than marijuana.

For the foregoing reasons, I **support** this measure.

HB-131

Submitted on: 2/1/2019 3:08:41 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mike Moran	Kihei Community Association (KCA)	Support	No

Comments:

Our all volunteer unfunded non profit community association asks for your support

HB-131

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 8:34:51 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i	Support	No

Comments:

HB-131

Submitted on: 2/1/2019 10:47:43 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joseph Kohn MD	We Are One, Inc. - www.WeAreOne.cc - WAO	Support	No

Comments:

This will help us stop sand mining and the desecration of iwi kupuna by replacing sand with hempcrete.

www.WeAreOne.cc

HB-131

Submitted on: 2/1/2019 11:26:22 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ken Stover	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-131

Submitted on: 2/1/2019 1:00:35 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David Dinner	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-131

Submitted on: 2/1/2019 1:29:38 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kurt Bosshard	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

To: Committee on Agriculture

Re: Hearing Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019; Time: 9:15 a.m.

Measure No. HB 131

I am supportive of any of your efforts to legalize and promote hemp. Most of our Ag lands lie fallow, an opportunity lost for our State. Perhaps Hawaii could become the research center for medicinal crops of hemp rather than more controversial farming practices/crops. Since other States are already promoting hemp production, its incumbent on your office to move this forward expeditiously without burdensome regulation and strings attached.

Thank you for your consideration of my opinion.

Kurt Bosshard, Esq.

HB-131

Submitted on: 2/1/2019 8:20:33 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brian Murphy	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-131

Submitted on: 2/1/2019 8:25:48 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mary Whispering Wind	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-131

Submitted on: 2/2/2019 10:39:14 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
carolan cash	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha. Mahalo for reading my testimony. We need industrial hemp in Hawaii. We are too dependent on tourism dollars. There is plenty land on the Big Island to grow hemp. Hemp as a commercial crop will bring money into Hawaii. It will further enhance our ability to offer ag products to the world and locally of course. Hemp is a fast growing crop and has so many usesHemp has no negetive impacts on the environment. Aloha

HB-131

Submitted on: 2/2/2019 12:01:47 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Julie and Thomas Pasquale	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-131

Submitted on: 2/2/2019 10:55:06 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sylvia Eichorn	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

HB-131

Submitted on: 2/3/2019 1:33:16 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Danielle Holland	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I'm in support of HB131 as Hawaii is in dire need of updating their laws regarding hemp!

HB-131

Submitted on: 2/3/2019 7:04:18 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sunny Savage-Luskin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-131

Submitted on: 2/3/2019 10:06:49 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

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

Comments:

HB-131

Submitted on: 2/4/2019 8:28:10 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Diane Koerner	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

The passage of the latest Farm Bill finally decriminalized industrial hemp after decades of misguided prohibition. Now it's Hawai'i's turn to catch up to the new federal laws.

The significant burdens to growing hemp should have been lifted in accordance with federal decriminalization, but the jurisdiction now falls on each state to decide how to proceed. HB 131 would legalize hemp to the extent legalized under federal law.

Hemp farming will be an asset to local agriculture, providing important local jobs and renewed investment into our rural communities. There are so many uses for hemp; Hawaii could become a major player in this industry.

Thank you,
Diane Koerner, 420 Molo St., Kapaa, HI 96746

HB-131

Submitted on: 2/4/2019 9:32:26 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joan Lander	Individual	Support	No

Comments:



House Committee on Agriculture

Rep. Richard Creagan (Chair), Rep. Lynn DeCoite (Co-chair)

Testimony for HB131 – Relating to Hemp

Clifton Otto, MD - Comments

Public Hearing - Wed, Feb 6, 2019, 9:15 AM, Room 312

Thank you for considering the following comments regarding this bill:

1 - Please answer the following question before allowing this bill to pass through your committee: Is Cannabidiol (CBD) a tetrahydrocannabinol or a derivative of a tetrahydrocannabinol ?

Delta-8-THC (Delta-6-THC):

<https://pubchem.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/compound/2977#section=Top>

Delta-9 THC (Delta-1-THC):

<https://pubchem.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/compound/Dronabinol#section=Top>

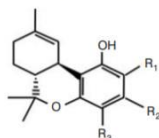
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JOURNAL OF CANNABIS THERAPEUTICS

TABLE 1. Cannabinoids of the Δ^9 -*trans*-tetrahydrocannabinol Type (Turner et al. 1980)

Cannabinoid	Abbreviation	R ₁	R ₂	R ₃
Δ^9 - <i>trans</i> -tetrahydrocannabinolic acid A	Δ^9 -THCA	COOH	C ₅ H ₁₁	H
Δ^9 - <i>trans</i> -tetrahydrocannabinolic acid B	Δ^9 -THCA	H	C ₅ H ₁₁	COOH
Δ^9 - <i>trans</i> -tetrahydrocannabinol	Δ^9 -THC	H	C ₅ H ₁₁	H
Δ^9 - <i>trans</i> -tetrahydrocannabinolic acid-C ₄		COOH or H	C ₄ H ₉	H or COOH
Δ^9 - <i>trans</i> -tetrahydrocannabinol-C ₄	Δ^9 -THC-C ₄	H	C ₄ H ₉	H
Δ^9 - <i>trans</i> -tetrahydrocannabivarinic acid		COOH	C ₃ H ₇	H
Δ^9 - <i>trans</i> -tetrahydrocannabivarin	Δ^9 -THCV	H	C ₃ H ₇	H
Δ^9 - <i>trans</i> -tetrahydrocannabiorcolic acid		COOH or H	CH ₃	H or COOH
Δ^9 - <i>trans</i> -tetrahydrocannabiorcol	Δ^9 -THC-C ₁	H	CH ₃	H

FIGURE 3. Cannabinoids of the Δ^9 -THC type. The most widespread cannabinoids are the phenolic Δ^9 -THC with 21 carbon atoms and a C₅ side chain (R₂ = C₅H₁₁) and its two corresponding carboxylic acids A and B (see Table 1).



<https://cannabis-med.org/data/pdf/2003-01-1.pdf>

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2 – The proposed definition of hemp requires clarification in order to prevent an interpretation that viable hemp seeds do not fall under this new definition:

Page 15, Line 10:

""Hemp" means the plant Cannabis sativa L. and any part of that plant, including the **viable** seeds thereof and all derivatives, extracts, cannabinoids, isomers, acids, salts, and salts of isomers, whether growing or not, with a delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of not more than 0.3 per cent on a dry weight basis.

3 – There are cannabinioids that are very different in structure from THC and CBD, and which may not meet the definition of a tetrahydrocannabinol, but still need to be exempt from Schedule I because they naturally occur in hemp. Therefore, the term “cannabinoids” needs to be added to this section:

Page 17, Line 12:

provided that tetrahydrocannabinols under this subsection shall exclude tetrahydrocannabinols **and cannabinoids** in hemp;

4 – Hawaii’s current hemp pilot program was unwilling to address the marketing piece of the 2014 Federal Farm Bill. We are also dealing with a situation where CBD products from other states are flowing into our state without any regulation of safety and compliance with mainland state hemp law and the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018. Therefore, the following provision needs to be added:

Page 25, Line 15:

SECTION 6. (a) The chairperson of the board of agriculture shall prepare and submit a proposed state plan to monitor and regulate hemp production in the State pursuant to section 297B of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended, **to include provisions for the marketing and regulation of locally produced and imported hemp products, including hemp crude extracts, distillates, and isolates, in order to protect consumer safety and insure compliance with the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018**, to the federal Secretary of Agriculture within X days after the approval of this Act.

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HB-131

Submitted on: 2/4/2019 2:51:19 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bonnie Marsh	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Hemp is an important commodity for Hawaii to grow. There are so many commercial ways it can be used. On Maui it can be used to remediate our toxic/pesticide ridden former cane fields. Please pass this through the house for the citizens of Hawaii. Mahalo Nui'

decoite3 - Richard

From: Anita Yokota <anita96795@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 8:59 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Strong SUPPORT for HB 131

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

RE: SUPPORT HB 131

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and Members of the Committee

My name is Anita Yokota, and I live in Waimanalo. I am testifying in strong support of HB 131.

Please support HB131, which is designed to accelerate the process that will allow farmers in Hawaii to grow and market hemp products, and help Hawaii diversify its economy.

The recent passage of Farm Bill in December presents Hawaii with a monumental opportunity to usher in a successful new hemp agricultural industry. While other states had the requisite ag plans prepared and ready to submit to the feds prior to the passage of the Farm Bill, our state has dragged its heels. Our economy cannot afford to delay any longer. We should pass the requisite legislation to allow the state to move forward on the opportunity to generate millions of dollars in profits, create new jobs and enable entrepreneurial opportunities.

New cottage industries around hemp are cropping up left and right. Hemp is now being used for clothing, paper, building materials, foods, health supplements and a variety of other value-added products. The potential for the growth of small business is exponential. In fact, current industry estimates report U.S. hemp product sales at nearly \$820 million in 2017.

In addition to its potential for agricultural commerce, hemp has the potential to remediate our contaminated soils. The toxic legacy of sugar, pineapple and more recently the pesticide intensive biotech industry has left large acreages of our ag land contaminated. Through phytoremediation hemp can undo some of this damage.

Thank you for your consideration!

Mahalo,
Anita Yokota, Waimanalo Farmer]

HB-131

Submitted on: 2/4/2019 8:16:34 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Saturnino Doctor	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please pass this Bill and stop the prohibition of this agricultural plant. The benefits are many for growing and marketing Hemp. Good for the soil and makes incredible byproducts.

HB-131

Submitted on: 2/4/2019 9:58:01 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
laura Ramirez	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

Please support hemp farming in Hawaii!

Mahalo

HB-131

Submitted on: 2/4/2019 10:36:49 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Janet Graham	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony on this bill.

The passage of the latest Farm Bill finally decriminalized industrial hemp after decades of misguided prohibition. Now it's Hawai'i's turn to catch up to the new federal laws.

The significant burdens to growing hemp should have been lifted in accordance with federal decriminalization, but the jurisdiction now falls on each state to decide how to proceed. HB 1504 repeals Hawai'i's now archaic Hemp Pilot Program. Companion bills SB 1335 and HB 131 legalize hemp to the extent legalized under federal law.

Hemp farming will be an asset to local agriculture, providing important local jobs and renewed investment into our rural communities. Submit your comments now to support and protect this historic piece of legislation.

We already have medical marijuana. Many states have legalized it and there are no significant problems. We could use revenues from its sale. It is a matter of justice.

Please pass it.

HB-131

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 9:31:54 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Raelyn Reyno Yeomans	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Support

HB-131

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 11:13:09 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jennifer Mather	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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From: alyguy@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Alan Young
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Sent: Saturday, February 2, 2019 11:30 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am
Categories: Blue Category

Dear Hawai'i State House Agriculture Committee,

I am writing in strong support of HB 131, which brings the state law on hemp legalization to equal the federal law. This legislation is critical to all of Hawai'i's farmers who wish to reap the economic and environmental benefits of hemp farming, including soil remediation and decreasing pesticide use.

Creating new jobs in Hawai'i's agricultural sector should be a priority of this body, and the expansion of this market will bring important investments into our rural farming communities.

As a rotational crop in a diversified regenerative agriculture plan, hemp has a huge role to play in addressing some of the most pressing issues of our time: economic revitalization, climate change, public health, and environmental protection. We must do all that we can to protect these growing businesses and allow them to thrive.

For these reasons, I urge you to support HB 131. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Alan Young
2067 Kinoole St Hilo, HI 96720-5325

AGRtestimony

From: alex.beers@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Alex Beers
<alex.beers@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 3, 2019 7:26 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am

Categories: Blue Category

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For these reasons, I urge you to support HB 131. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Alex Beers
20 Kaikai St Wailuku, HI 96793-8322

HB-131

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 12:14:13 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andrea Nandoskar	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please support HB 131. Let's legalize hemp and help grow an industry here in the islands that can support local farmers, small businesses and the aina.

Mahalo for your consideration.

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Categories: Blue Category, Red Category

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Anita Yokota, Waimanalo Farmer]

HB-131

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 1:21:28 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jennifer Milholen	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 5:59 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Strong SUPPORT for HB 131

Categories: Blue Category

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

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Thank you for your consideration!

Mahalo,
Anna Robertson
Eleele, Kauai

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Anna Robertson <annasr@hawaii.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 5:59 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Strong SUPPORT for HB 131

Categories: Blue Category

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

RE: SUPPORT HB 131

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and Members of the Committee

My name is Anna Robertson and I live in Eleele. I am testifying in strong support of HB 131.

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Thank you for your consideration!

Mahalo,
Anna Robertson
Eleele, Kauai

Sent from my iPhone

AGRtestimony

From: Bayhouse Hana <bayhousehana@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 9:05 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Strong SUPPORT for HB 131

Categories: Blue Category

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

RE: SUPPORT HB 131

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and Members of the Committee

My name is William Chang, and I live in Hana, Maui. I am testifying in strong support of HB 131.

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Thank you for your consideration!

Mahalo,
William H. Chang, Hana, Maui, Hawaii

AGRtestimony

From: bentley@bentleyk.com
Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 9:09 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Strong SUPPORT for HB 131

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AGRtestimony

From: bernard.berger@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Bernard.berger
<bernard.berger@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 2, 2019 9:24 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am
Categories: Blue Category

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For these reasons, I urge you to support HB 131. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Bernard .berger

73 -4574 Mamalahoa Hwy Kailua Kona, HI 96740-8650

AGRtestimony

From: bfuruta@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Burt Furuta
<bfuruta@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 2, 2019 10:06 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am
Categories: Blue Category

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For these reasons, I urge you to support HB 131. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Burt Furuta
242 Koalele St Apt A Honolulu, HI 96813-1388

AGRtestimony

From: maheamoon40@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Cameron Ahia
<maheamoon40@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 2, 2019 9:04 PM
To: AGRtestimony
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Sincerely,
Cameron Ahia
3041 Manoa Rd Apt A Honolulu, HI 96822-7203

AGRtestimony

From: carolynngrif@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Carolynn Griffith
<carolynngrif@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 2, 2019 11:26 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am
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For these reasons, I urge you to support HB 131. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Carolynn Griffith
83 Nawiliwili St Honolulu, HI 96825-2136

AGRtestimony

From: carolynngrif@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Carolynn Griffith
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AGRtestimony

From: crumpton@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Charles Crumpton
<crumpton@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 2, 2019 9:57 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am
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Sincerely,
Charles Crumpton
1251 Heulu St Apt 1001 Honolulu, HI 96822-3087

AGRtestimony

From: chrisp@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Chris Peterson
<chrisp@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 3, 2019 3:26 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am
Categories: Blue Category

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For these reasons, I urge you to support HB 131. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Chris Peterson
2359 Saint Louis Dr Honolulu, HI 96816-2028

AGRtestimony

From: Claudia Herfurt <claudia@kauaistyle.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 1:47 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Strong SUPPORT for HB 131

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

RE: SUPPORT HB 131

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Thank you for your consideration!

Mahalo,
Claudia Herfurt
Hanalei

AGRtestimony

From: cyndeefehring@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Cynthia Fehring
<cyndeefehring@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 3, 2019 7:01 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am
Categories: Blue Category

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For these reasons, I urge you to support HB 131. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Cynthia Fehring
4320 Wailapa Rd Kilauea, HI 96754-5409

AGRtestimony

From: Danielle Spitz <dspitzrealtor@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 9:30 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Strong SUPPORT for HB 131

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

RE: SUPPORT HB 131

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and Members of the Committee

My name is Danielle Spitz, and I live in Waimea on Hawaii Island. I am testifying in strong support of HB 131.

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Mahalo,
Danielle A Spitz
Kamuela, HI

AGRtestimony

From: Dave Kisor <panther_dave@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 10:30 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Strong SUPPORT for HB 131

Categories: Blue Category

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and Members of the Committee

My name is Dave Kisor, and I live in Pahoia. I am testifying in strong support of HB 131. Please support HB131, which is designed to accelerate the process that will allow farmers in Hawaii to grow and market hemp products, and help Hawaii diversify its economy. The recent passage of Farm Bill in December presents Hawaii with a monumental opportunity to usher in a successful new hemp agricultural industry. While other states had the requisite ag plans prepared and ready to submit to the feds prior to the passage of the Farm Bill, our state has dragged its heels.

We sure could use income from a source other than tourism. Some of those lava tourists speeding past our homes, trying to find ways around check points were less than desirable. They'd stop and ask directions to a particular place, which is no longer accessible after explaining people lost their homes and business', many showed no empathy. "That's what you get for living on the side of an active volcano! I wanna see lava!" This is why I support economic diversity.

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Mahalo,
Dave Kisor, Veteran, Geographer, retired USFS technician
Nanawale Estates, Pahoia, HI

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Cats & computers. Bring them into your home and your life is no longer your own.
Don't get upset when things don't work, but rather be amazed when they do!
Life is an exercise in how well you handle disappointment!

AGRtestimony

From: David H. Dinner <gentlewaver@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 10:17 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Strong SUPPORT for HB 131

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

RE: SUPPORT HB 131

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My name is David Dinner, and I live in 3007 Kaohe Rd, Kilauea. I am testifying in strong support of HB 131.

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Mahalo,
David Dinner, Kilauea, HI, 96754

AGRtestimony

From: dmkahn@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of David Kahn
<dmkahn@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 2, 2019 12:36 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am
Categories: Blue Category

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For these reasons, I urge you to support HB 131. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
David Kahn
237 Auoli Dr Makawao, HI 96768-9315

AGRtestimony

From: d.sofio@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of David Sofio
<d.sofio@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 2, 2019 11:00 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am
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Sincerely,
David Sofio
2573 Lai Rd Honolulu, HI 96816-3513

AGRtestimony

From: Debborrah Gia <gia96765@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 6:52 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Strong SUPPORT for HB 131

Categories: Blue Category

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

RE: SUPPORT HB 131

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and Members of the Committee

My name is Debborrah Gia, and I live in Kalaheo. I am testifying in strong support of HB 131.

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Mahalo,
Debborrah Gia

AGRtestimony

From: devo1afi@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Devon Benton
<devo1afi@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 2, 2019 10:49 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am
Categories: Blue Category

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Sincerely,
Devon Benton
6033 N Sheridan Rd Chicago, IL 60660-3003

AGRtestimony

From: dianekoerner@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Diane Koerner
<dianekoerner@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 8:23 AM
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Sincerely,
Diane Koerner
420 Molo St Kapaa, HI 96746-9481

AGRtestimony

From: ddiehl51@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of don diehl <ddiehl51@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 2, 2019 9:57 AM
To: AGRtestimony
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For these reasons, I urge you to support HB 131. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
don diehl
151954 28th Ave Keaau, HI 96749

AGRtestimony

From: beenhadagain@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Don Cooke
<beenhadagain@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 3, 2019 7:35 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am
Categories: Blue Category

Dear Hawai'i State House Agriculture Committee,

I am writing in strong OPPOSITION of HB 131. AS I HAVE TRIED TO TESTIFY IN THE PAST 3 CROPS A YEAR IS A BAD JOKE. PLANTATION AGRICULTURE WON'T WORK HERE, AS THE PAST HAS PROVEN. RESTORE STREAMS. STOP ABUSING HUMAN RESOURCES WITH BAD PESTICIDE PRACTICES.

Creating RIGHT LIVELYHOOD in Hawai'i's agricultural sector should be a priority of this body.

For these reasons, I urge you to REJECT HB 131. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Don Cooke
47 -145 Pulama Rd # A Kaneohe, HI 96744-5024

AGRtestimony

From: der1way@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Donald Erway
<der1way@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 2, 2019 10:09 AM
To: AGRtestimony
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Sincerely,
Donald Erway
77 -6455 Princess Keelikolani Dr Kailua Kona, HI 96740-2419

AGRtestimony

From: dsue@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Donna Sue Shepherd
<dsue@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 2, 2019 10:47 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am
Categories: Blue Category

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Sincerely,
Donna Sue Shepherd
73 -1162 Oluolu St Kailua Kona, HI 96740-9445

AGRtestimony

From: jsusie23@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Dr.Susan Caswell <jsusie23@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 3, 2019 6:23 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am
Categories: Blue Category

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Sincerely,
Dr. Susan Caswell
PO Box 347 Paauilo, HI 96776-0347

AGRtestimony

From: Fedor Shcheglov <fedor2u@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 8:37 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Strong SUPPORT for HB 131

Categories: Blue Category

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

RE: SUPPORT HB 131

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and Members of the Committee

My name is (Fedor Shcheglov), and I live in Maui HI , I am testifying in strong support of HB 131.

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Mahalo,
[Fedor, Maui]

AGRtestimony

From: garyruss@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Gary Russell
<garyruss@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 2, 2019 8:28 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am
Categories: Blue Category

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Sincerely,
Gary Russell
PO Box 331 Laupahoehoe, HI 96764-0331

AGRtestimony

From: sanmigilmer@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Gilmer Borbo
<sanmigilmer@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 2, 2019 3:03 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am

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Sincerely,
Gilmer Borbo
95 -1015 Kuauli St Mililani, HI 96789-4936

AGRtestimony

From: Govinda Rubin <sugosa@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 9:15 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Strong SUPPORT for HB 131

Categories: Blue Category

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Mahalo,
Govinda Rubin

Sent from my iPhone

AGRtestimony

From: Hawaii IT Service Desk <vhafford@hawaii.edu>
Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 8:36 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Strong SUPPORT for HB 131

Categories: Blue Category

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Mahalo,
Valerie Hafford Hilo, Hawaii

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From: helmut@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Helmut Klauer
<helmut@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 2, 2019 9:14 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am
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Sincerely,
Helmut Klauer
12 -4341 Lanai St Pahoia, HI 96778-7817

AGRtestimony

From: detntom@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of H G Picher
<detntom@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 2, 2019 10:32 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am
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Sincerely,
H G Picher
1583 10TH Ave Keaau, HI 96749

AGRtestimony

From: nspencer001@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Isabella Spencer <nspencer001@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 2, 2019 10:42 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am
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Sincerely,
Isabella Spencer
33 Pohakulani St Hilo, HI 96720-3115

AGRtestimony

From: info@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jana Bogs
<info@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 2, 2019 9:15 AM
To: AGRtestimony
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Sincerely,
Jana Bogs
PO Box 6161 Ocean View, HI 96737-6161

AGRtestimony

From: jaedoyoun@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jason Youn
<jaedoyoun@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 2, 2019 7:14 PM
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Sincerely,
Jason Youn
1515 Ward Ave Apt 1402 Honolulu, HI 96822-3543

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From: jcwhite54@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 8:42 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Strong SUPPORT for HB 131

Categories: Blue Category

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Mahalo,
Judith C. White,
Kapaa 96746

Sent from my iPad

AGRtestimony

From: Jennifer Tempchin <jennifertempchin@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 9:11 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Strong SUPPORT for HB 131

Categories: Blue Category

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

RE: SUPPORT HB 131

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and Members of the Committee

My name is Jen and I live in Kihei. I am testifying in strong support of HB 131.

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Mahalo,
Jen Kihei

Jen Tempchin R (PB) 21171
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+1 808 280 1090

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From: Jessica dos Santos <nrtshrlv@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 12:15 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Strong SUPPORT for HB 131

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

RE: SUPPORT HB 131

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Mahalo,
[Name, Residence]

AGRtestimony

From: J Moss <moss.jade.e@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 7:41 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Strong SUPPORT for HB 131

Categories: Blue Category

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

RE: SUPPORT HB 131

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and Members of the Committee

My name is Jade Moss, and I live in Kalaheo, Kauai. I am testifying in strong support of HB 131.

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Mahalo,
Jade Moss
Kalaheo, Kauai

AGRtestimony

From: Joan Heartfield <joan@talkinghearts.com>
Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 9:02 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Strong SUPPORT for HB 131

Categories: Blue Category

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

RE: SUPPORT HB 131

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My name is Dr Joan Heartfield, and I live in Haiku. HI. I am testifying in strong support of HB 131.

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Mahalo,
Joan Heartfield, PhD
232 Door of Faith Rd
Haiku, HI 96708

AGRtestimony

From: Joan Heller <myoho@hawaii.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 6:21 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Strong SUPPORT for HB 131

Categories: Blue Category

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

RE: SUPPORT HB 131

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and Members of the Committee

Individual

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From: jlee@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Joanna Lee
<jlee@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, February 1, 2019 4:15 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am

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Sincerely,
Joanna Lee
4460 Nehe Rd Lihue, HI 96766-9154

AGRtestimony

From: Joanna Weber <om528peace@t-online.de>
Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 8:46 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Strong SUPPORT for HB 131

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Mahalo,
Joanna Weber
76-789 'Io Place
Kailua-Kona, HI 96740

AGRtestimony

From: kingyoni@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of John Lindstrom
<kingyoni@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 2, 2019 10:11 AM
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Sincerely,
John Lindstrom
16 -1763 42nd Ave Keaau, HI 96749

AGRtestimony

From: boyne@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jonathan Boyne
<boyne@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 2, 2019 1:04 PM
To: AGRtestimony
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Jonathan Boyne
2013 Kakela Dr Honolulu, HI 96822-2158

AGRtestimony

From: jwm7r@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jordan Moniuszko
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Sent: Saturday, February 2, 2019 9:38 AM
To: AGRtestimony
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Sincerely,
Jordan Moniuszko
324 Kalama St Apt B Kailua, HI 96734-2065

AGRtestimony

From: Joseph Kohn MD <outlook_945BCBF227049F41@outlook.com> on behalf of Joseph Kohn MD <Joseph@WeAreOne.cc>
Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 9:30 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Strong SUPPORT for HB 131

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

RE: SUPPORT HB 131

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and Members of the Committee

My name is Joseph Kohn, and I live in Wailuku. I am testifying in strong support of HB 131.

Please support HB131, which is designed to accelerate the process that will allow farmers in Hawaii to grow and market hemp products, and help Hawaii diversify its economy.

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Thank you for your consideration!

Mahalo,

Joseph Kohn MD
Founder, We Are One, Inc. - www.WeAreOne.cc - WAO
493 Pio Dr Apt 209
Wailuku, HI 96793-2641
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New Address!

AGRtestimony

From: Judith Michaels <jmichaelsmaui@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 8:37 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Strong SUPPORT for HB 131

Categories: Blue Category

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

RE: SUPPORT HB 131

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and Members of the Committee

My name is Judith Michaels, and I live in Kihei, Maui. I am writing you in strong support of HB 131.

Individual

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Thank you for your consideration!

Mahalo,
Judith Michaels
Makena, Maui, Hawaii 96753

AGRtestimony

From: jupitt@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Julie Pittman
<jupitt@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 4:56 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am

Categories: Blue Category

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For these reasons, I urge you to support HB 131. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Julie Pittman
20 Kulalani Cir Kula, HI 96790-8214

AGRtestimony

From: junshinbusiness729@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jun Shin
<junshinbusiness729@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 2, 2019 3:53 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am
Categories: Blue Category

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Sincerely,

Jun Shin

1561 Kanunu St Honolulu, HI 96814-3245

AGRtestimony

From: karen.kimbrell@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Karen M Kimbrell
<karen.kimbrell@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 3, 2019 10:03 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am
Categories: Blue Category

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For these reasons, I urge you to support HB 131. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Karen M Kimbrell
315 Kailua Rd Kailua, HI 96734-2902

AGRtestimony

From: RNKOWEN@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Katharine Owen
<RNKOWEN@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 2, 2019 12:00 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am
Categories: Blue Category

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For these reasons, I urge you to support HB 131. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Katharine Owen
1165 Kukila St Honolulu, HI 96818-1953

AGRtestimony

From: ksorr8@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Katherine Orr <ksorr8@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 2, 2019 9:33 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am
Categories: Blue Category

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Sincerely,
Katherine Orr
44 -119 Bayview Haven Pl Kaneohe, HI 96744-2502

AGRtestimony

From: konakatr@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kathryn Reynolds
<konakatr@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 2:03 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am
Categories: Blue Category, Orange Category

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For these reasons, I urge you to support HB 131. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Kathryn Reynolds
594 Hapapa Rd Kula, HI 96790-8447

AGRtestimony

From: kshimata@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kathy Shimata
<kshimata@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 2, 2019 12:50 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am

Categories: Blue Category

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For these reasons, I urge you to support HB 131. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Kathy Shimata
3453 Pawaina St Honolulu, HI 96822-1356

AGRtestimony

From: RNKOWEN@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of K.C.Owen
<RNKOWEN@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 2, 2019 12:01 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am
Categories: Blue Category

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Sincerely,
K. C. Owen
1165 Kukila St Honolulu, HI 96818-1953

AGRtestimony

From: lomikirstin@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kirstin Morris
<lomikirstin@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 3, 2019 9:11 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am

Categories: Blue Category

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Sincerely,
Kirstin Morris
6335 Waipouli Rd Unit B Kapaa, HI 96746-8824

AGRtestimony

From: krisbordessa@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kris Bordessa
<krisbordessa@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 2, 2019 9:21 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am
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Sincerely,
Kris Bordessa
PO Box 622 Honokaa, HI 96727-0622

AGRtestimony

From: kknahoi@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kyle Nahoi
<kknahoi@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 2, 2019 5:38 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am
Categories: Blue Category

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Sincerely,
Kyle Nahoi
87 -137 Laiku St Waianae, HI 96792-3688

AGRtestimony

From: larry heller <hellerl001@hawaii.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 8:57 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Strong SUPPORT for HB 131

Categories: Blue Category

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

RE: SUPPORT HB 131

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and Members of the Committee

My name is Larry Heller, and I live at 3820 Uakea Place, Lawai, Kauai. I am testifying in strong support of HB 131.

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Mahalo,
Larry Heller
Lawai, Kauai

larry heller
hellerl001@hawaii.rr.com

AGRtestimony

From: laurie_leland@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Laurie Leland
<laurie_leland@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 2, 2019 11:33 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am
Categories: Blue Category

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Sincerely,
Laurie Leland
872 Maluniu Ave Kailua, HI 96734-1944

AGRtestimony

From: lionelkortiz@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lionel Ortiz
<lionelkortiz@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 2, 2019 9:45 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am
Categories: Blue Category

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Sincerely,
Lionel Ortiz
47 -682 Waiohia St Kaneohe, HI 96744-4935

AGRtestimony

From: Lisa Kerman <hike2heaven@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 10:52 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Strong SUPPORT for HB 131

Categories: Blue Category

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

RE: SUPPORT HB 131

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and Members of the Committee

My name is Lisa Kerman, and I live in Kilauea, HI. I am testifying in strong support of HB 131.

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Mahalo,
Lisa Kerman
Kilauea, HI.

AGRtestimony

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Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 10:52 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Strong SUPPORT for HB 131

Categories: Blue Category

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

RE: SUPPORT HB 131

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and Members of the Committee

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Mahalo,
Lisa Kerman
Kilauea, HI.

AGRtestimony

From: lori.mallini@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lori Mallini
<lori.mallini@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 2, 2019 10:34 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am
Categories: Blue Category

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Sincerely,
Lori Mallini
348 Kaelepulu Dr Apt H Kailua, HI 96734-3302

AGRtestimony

From: lhakiba@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lorraine Akiba
<lhakiba@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 6:31 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am
Categories: Blue Category

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Sincerely,
Lorraine Akiba
PO Box 974 Honolulu, HI 96808-0974

AGRtestimony

From: economy@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Louise Economy
<economy@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 8:54 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am
Categories: Blue Category

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For these reasons, I urge you to support HB 131. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Louise Economy
737 Waiuanue Ave Hilo, HI 96720-2015

AGRtestimony

From: lurline94510@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lurline Bettencourt
<lurline94510@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, February 1, 2019 6:03 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am
Categories: Blue Category

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For these reasons, I urge you to support HB 131. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Lurline Bettencourt
4510 Kawaihau Rd Kapaa, HI 96746-1922

AGRtestimony

From: Malcolm Mackey <ozymandias35@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 9:30 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Strong SUPPORT for HB 131

Categories: Blue Category

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

RE: SUPPORT HB 131

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and Members of the Committee

My name is Malcolm Mackey, and I live in Kaunakaki, Hawaii. I am testifying in strong support of HB 131.

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Thank you for your consideration!

Mahalo,
Malcolm Mackey
Kaunakakai, Hawaii

AGRtestimony

From: malian@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Malian Lahey
<malian@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 9:21 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am
Categories: Blue Category

Dear Hawai'i State House Agriculture Committee,

I am writing in strong support of HB 131, which brings the state law on hemp legalization to equal the federal law. This legislation is critical to all of Hawai'i's farmers who wish to reap the economic and environmental benefits of hemp farming, including soil remediation and decreasing pesticide use.

Creating new jobs in Hawai'i's agricultural sector should be a priority of this body, and the expansion of this market will bring important investments into our rural farming communities.

As a rotational crop in a diversified regenerative agriculture plan, hemp has a huge role to play in addressing some of the most pressing issues of our time: economic revitalization, climate change, public health, and environmental protection. We must do all that we can to protect these growing businesses and allow them to thrive.

For these reasons, I urge you to support HB 131. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Malian Lahey
96 -2384 Wood Valley Rd Pahala, HI 96777-8900

AGRtestimony

From: mscicihi@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Marc Scichitano
<mscicihi@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 2, 2019 3:55 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am
Categories: Blue Category

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For these reasons, I urge you to support HB 131. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Marc Scichitano

59 -143 Laninui Dr Kamuela, HI 96743-7814

AGRtestimony

From: mamaupin@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Margaret Maupin
<mamaupin@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, February 1, 2019 9:42 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am
Categories: Blue Category

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For these reasons, I urge you to support HB 131. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Margaret Maupin
4015 Waha Rd Kalaheo, HI 96741-9407

AGRtestimony

From: Margery Freeman <freemanmargery@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 8:45 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Strong SUPPORT for HB 131

Categories: Blue Category

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

RE: SUPPORT HB 131

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and Members of the Committee

My name is Marge Freeman, and I live in Kapaa, HI. I am testifying in strong support of HB 131.

Please support HB131, which is designed to accelerate the process that will allow farmers in Hawaii to grow and market hemp products, and help Hawaii diversify its economy.

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Thank you for your consideration!

Mahalo,

Marge Freeman
4-820 Kuhio Hwy.
Kapaa. HI 96746

AGRtestimony

From: maria.makaleha@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Maria Walker
<maria.makaleha@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 2, 2019 10:38 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am
Categories: Blue Category

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For these reasons, I urge you to support HB 131. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Maria Walker
PO Box 33 Kapaa, HI 96746-0033

AGRtestimony

From: m2@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Marilyn Mick <m2@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 2, 2019 10:00 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am
Categories: Blue Category

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For these reasons, I urge you to support HB 131. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Marilyn Mick
3773 Kanaina Ave Apt 207 Honolulu, HI 96815-4406

AGRtestimony

From: greenleaf.maui@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Marta Greenleaf
<greenleaf.maui@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 2, 2019 7:24 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am
Categories: Blue Category

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For these reasons, I urge you to support HB 131. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Marta Greenleaf

PO Box 880794 Pukalani, HI 96788-0794

AGRtestimony

From: mauimartha@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Martha Martin
<mauimartha@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 2, 2019 9:56 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am
Categories: Blue Category

Dear Hawai'i State House Agriculture Committee,

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For these reasons, I urge you to support HB 131. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Martha Martin
40 Kunihi Ln Apt 226 Kahului, HI 96732-1389

AGRtestimony

From: mkelley323@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mary Lu Kelley <mkelley323@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 3, 2019 10:22 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am
Categories: Blue Category

Dear Hawai'i State House Agriculture Committee,

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For these reasons, I urge you to support HB 131. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Mary Lu Kelley
3644 Lawaiuka Rd Lawai, HI 96765

AGRtestimony

From: Maryann Rose <hananaia@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 8:35 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Strong SUPPORT for HB 131

Categories: Blue Category

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

RE: SUPPORT HB 131

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and Members of the Committee

My name is (INSERT NAME), and I live in (INSERT RESIDENCE). I am testifying in strong support of HB 131.

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The recent passage of Farm Bill in December presents Hawaii with a monumental opportunity to usher in a successful new hemp agricultural industry. While other states had the requisite ag plans prepared and ready to submit to the feds prior to the passage of the Farm Bill, our state has dragged its heels. Our economy cannot afford to delay any longer. We should pass the requisite legislation to allow the state to move forward on the opportunity to generate millions of dollars in profits, create new jobs and enable entrepreneurial opportunities.

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Thank you for your consideration!

Mahalo,
Maryann R Broyles
48-5536 Waipio Valley Road
Honokaa, Hawaii 96727

Sent from my iPad

AGRtestimony

From: mason akuna <akunafarms@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 8:28 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Strong SUPPORT for HB 131

Categories: Blue Category

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE RE: SUPPORT HB 131 Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and Members of the Committee My name is Mason Akuna and I live in 4677 Kahiliholo rd. I am testifying in strong support of HB 131. Please support HB131, which is designed to accelerate the process that will allow farmers in Hawaii to grow and market hemp products, and help Hawaii diversify its economy. The recent passage of Farm Bill in December presents Hawaii with a monumental opportunity to usher in a successful new hemp agricultural industry. While other states had the requisite ag plans prepared and ready to submit to the feds prior to the passage of the Farm Bill, our state has dragged its heels. Our economy cannot afford to delay any longer. We should pass the requisite legislation to allow the state to move forward on the opportunity to generate millions of dollars in profits, create new jobs and enable entrepreneurial opportunities. New cottage industries around hemp are cropping up left and right. Hemp is now being used for clothing, paper, building materials, foods, health supplements and a variety of other value-added products. The potential for the growth of small business is exponential. In fact, current industry estimates report U.S. hemp product sales at nearly \$820 million in 2017. In addition to its potential for agricultural commerce, hemp has the potential to remediate our contaminated soils. The toxic legacy of sugar, pineapple and more recently the pesticide intensive biotech industry has left large acreages of our ag land contaminated. Through phytoremediation hemp can undo some of this damage. Thank you for your consideration! Mahalo, [Name, Residence]

AGRtestimony

From: mowritesfilms@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Maureen Fagan
<mowritesfilms@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 2, 2019 11:25 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am
Categories: Blue Category

Dear Hawai'i State House Agriculture Committee,

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For these reasons, I urge you to support HB 131. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Maureen Fagan
PO Box 12 Kailua Kona, HI 96745-0012

AGRtestimony

From: Melindaahn@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Melinda Ahn
<Melindaahn@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 2, 2019 11:15 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am
Categories: Blue Category

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For these reasons, I urge you to support HB 131. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Melinda Ahn

47 -004 Okana Pl Kaneohe, HI 96744-4704

AGRtestimony

From: Melissa Strong <missystrong@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 8:45 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Strong SUPPORT for HB 131

Categories: Blue Category

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

RE: SUPPORT HB 131

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and Members of the Committee

My name is Melissa Strong, and I live in Kihei, HI. I am testifying in strong support of HB 131.

Please support HB131, which is designed to accelerate the process that will allow farmers in Hawaii to grow and market hemp products, and help Hawaii diversify its economy.

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Thank you for your consideration!

Mahalo,
Melissa Strong

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

AGRtestimony

From: dylansfaddah@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Michael Moorhead
<dylansfaddah@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 2, 2019 12:59 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am
Categories: Blue Category

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For these reasons, I urge you to support HB 131. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Michael Moorhead
192 Mohouli St Hilo, HI 96720-3953

AGRtestimony

From: Michal Stover <mfsleh@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 8:41 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Strong SUPPORT for HB 131

Categories: Blue Category

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and Members of the House Agriculture Committee,

I am a full time resident of Kaua'i, and I am testifying in strong support of HB 131.

I request that you also support HB131, which is designed to accelerate the process that will allow farmers in Hawai'i to grow and market hemp products, and help Hawai'i diversify its economy. We need to pass this legislation so that farmers in Hawai'i may have opportunities similar to those in other states to plant this important crop that has so many diverse uses and that may also have the potential to remediate soils contaminated by the farming of sugar and pineapple and by the more recent pesticide intensive biotech industry.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Mahalo,

Michal Stover
Kilauea, Kaua'i, Hawai'i

AGRtestimony

From: nihipalim001@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Michele Nihipali <nihipalim001@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 2, 2019 1:18 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am
Categories: Blue Category

Dear Hawai'i State House Agriculture Committee,

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For these reasons, I urge you to support HB 131. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Michele Nihipali

54 -074 Kamehameha Hwy # A Hauula, HI 96717-9647

AGRtestimony

From: Midi Cox <midicox@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 11:10 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Strong SUPPORT for HB 131

Categories: Blue Category

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

RE: SUPPORT HB 131

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and Members of the Committee

My name is Millicent Cox, and I live in Honolulu 96822. I am testifying in strong support of HB 131.

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Mahalo for your consideration!

Mahalo,
Millicent Cox
Honolulu 9Pms 6822

AGRtestimony

From: mkmoriz@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mindy Morizumi
<mkmoriz@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 2, 2019 11:13 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am
Categories: Blue Category

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For these reasons, I urge you to support HB 131. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Mindy Morizumi
1625 AA St Lahaina, HI 96761-1842

AGRtestimony

From: miryeha@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Miryeha Cedar
<miryeha@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 2, 2019 9:18 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am
Categories: Blue Category

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For these reasons, I urge you to support HB 131. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Miryeha Cedar
35 Honuhula St Kihei, HI 96753-6087

AGRtestimony

From: Mrs. Woods <dbwoodsluv@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 10:18 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Strong SUPPORT for HB 131

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

RE: SUPPORT HB 131

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and Members of the Committee

My name is Denise, and I live on Kauai. I am testifying in strong support of HB 131.

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Thank you for your consideration!

Mahalo,
Denise Woods, RN
Kapaa, HI

AGRtestimony

From: Namaka Park <namaka21@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 10:14 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Strong SUPPORT for HB 131

Categories: Blue Category

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

RE: SUPPORT HB 131

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and Members of the Committee

My name is Jerezhiah Park, and I live in Honolulu. I am testifying in strong support of HB 131.

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Thank you for your consideration!

Mahalo,
Jerezhiah Park

AGRtestimony

From: nancyhaag@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Nancy Haag
<nancyhaag@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 2, 2019 9:39 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am
Categories: Blue Category

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For these reasons, I urge you to support HB 131. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Nancy Haag
981 Kupulau Dr Kihei, HI 96753-9232

AGRtestimony

From: Nancy Redfeather <nancyredfeather@hawaii.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 6:58 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Strong SUPPORT for HB 131

Categories: Blue Category

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

RE: SUPPORT HB 131

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and Members of the Committee

My name is Nancy Redfeather, and I live in North Kona. I am testifying in strong support of HB 131.

Please support HB131, which is designed to accelerate the process that will allow farmers in Hawaii to grow and market hemp products, and help Hawaii diversify its economy.

The recent passage of Farm Bill in December presents Hawaii with a monumental opportunity to usher in a successful new hemp agricultural industry. While other states had the requisite ag plans prepared and ready to submit to the feds prior to the passage of the Farm Bill, our state has dragged its heels. Our economy cannot afford to delay any longer. We should pass the requisite legislation to allow the state to move forward on the opportunity to generate millions of dollars in profits, create new jobs and enable entrepreneurial opportunities.

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Thank you for your consideration!

Mahalo,
Nancy Redfeather
Kawanui Farm - Kona

AGRtestimony

From: nikipaneoe@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of niki miller
<nikipaneoe@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 2, 2019 6:39 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am
Categories: Blue Category

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I eat hemp seed daily and use hemp seed oil regularly for arthritis pain reduction. I believe there is a rapidly growing market for many hemp products.

For these reasons, I urge you to support HB 131. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
niki miller
46 -274 Ahui Nani Pl Kaneohe, HI 96744-4051

AGRtestimony

From: jennahia@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Noelani Ahia
<jennahia@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, February 1, 2019 7:12 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am

Categories: Blue Category

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For these reasons, I urge you to support HB 131. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Noelani Ahia
1949 Kahekili Hwy Wailuku, HI 96793-9202

AGRtestimony

From: love@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Patricia Gardner
<love@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 2, 2019 9:33 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am

Categories: Blue Category

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For these reasons, I urge you to support HB 131. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Patricia Gardner
800 A E Kuiaha Rd Haiku, HI 96708-5531

AGRtestimony

From: patriciablair@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Patricia Blair
<patriciablair@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 2, 2019 9:34 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am
Categories: Blue Category

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For these reasons, I urge you to support HB 131. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Patricia Blair
25 Aulike St Kailua, HI 96734-2746

AGRtestimony

From: pattiv9@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Patti Valentine <pattiv9@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 8:46 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am
Categories: Blue Category

Dear Hawai'i State House Agriculture Committee,

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For these reasons, I urge you to support HB 131. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Patti Valentine
5301 Kalalea View Dr Anahola, HI 96703

AGRtestimony

From: ShadowWalker1600@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Paul Smith
<ShadowWalker1600@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 2, 2019 11:46 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am
Categories: Blue Category

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For these reasons, I urge you to support HB 131. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Paul Smith
134 Kapahulu Ave Honolulu, HI 96815-4014

AGRtestimony

From: pazpadilla1111@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Paz Padilla <pazpadilla1111@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 2, 2019 10:51 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am
Categories: Blue Category

Dear Hawai'i State House Agriculture Committee,

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For these reasons, I urge you to support HB 131. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Paz Padilla
1087 S Kihei Rd Kihei, HI 96753-9145

AGRtestimony

From: peggyflute@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Peggy Schecter
<peggyflute@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 2, 2019 2:59 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am
Categories: Blue Category

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For these reasons, I urge you to support HB 131. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Peggy Schecter
1154 Pulehu Rd Kula, HI 96790-8314

AGRtestimony

From: pollioliver@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Polli Oliver
<pollioliver@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 3, 2019 9:52 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am

Categories: Blue Category

Dear Hawai'i State House Agriculture Committee,

I am a land owner on Kauai who is interested in being able to grow hemp. I am writing in strong support of HB 131, which brings the state law on hemp legalization to equal the federal law. This legislation is critical to all of Hawai'i's farmers who wish to reap the economic and environmental benefits of hemp farming, including soil remediation and decreasing pesticide use.

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For these reasons, I urge you to support HB 131. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Polli Oliver
5174 Hoona Rd Koloa, HI 96756-9620

AGRtestimony

From: Rachel Kailianu <rkailianu57@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 7:33 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Strong SUPPORT for HB 131

Categories: Blue Category

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

RE: SUPPORT HB 131

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and Members of the Committee

My name is (INSERT NAME), and I live in (INSERT RESIDENCE). I am testifying in strong support of HB 131.

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Thank you for your consideration!

Mahalo,
[Name, Residence]

Sent from my iPhone

AGRtestimony

From: Rainbow Jo <rainbowjomai@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 8:53 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Strong SUPPORT for HB 131

Categories: Blue Category

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

RE: SUPPORT HB 131

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and Members of the Committee

My name is Michele Joy THORNTON and I live in Haiku HI. I am testifying in strong support of HB 131.

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Thank you for your consideration!

Mahalo,
Michele Joy THORNTON,
Haiku HI, 96708

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From: Rachel Kailianu <rkailianu57@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 7:33 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Strong SUPPORT for HB 131

Categories: Blue Category

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

RE: SUPPORT HB 131

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and Members of the Committee

My name is (INSERT NAME), and I live in (INSERT RESIDENCE). I am testifying in strong support of HB 131.

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Thank you for your consideration!

Mahalo,
[Name, Residence]

Sent from my iPhone

AGRtestimony

From: Ranaella Steinberg <kaiwahine1@hawaii.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 9:08 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Strong SUPPORT for HB 131

Categories: Blue Category

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

RE: SUPPORT HB 131

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and Members of the Committee

My name is Dr. Kimberly Steinberg, and I live in Kilauea, Kauai. I am testifying in strong support of HB 131.

Please support HB131, which is designed to accelerate the process that will allow farmers in Hawaii to grow and market hemp products, and help Hawaii diversify its economy.

In addition, it will allow veterinarians to discuss medical hemp with their clients without the concern of contradicting and confusing legalities.

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Sincerely,

K. Steinberg, DVM
808-635-0731

AGRtestimony

From: reginagregory24@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Regina Gregory
<reginagregory24@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 2, 2019 9:33 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am
Categories: Blue Category

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For these reasons, I urge you to support HB 131. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Regina Gregory
1704 Anapuni St Honolulu, HI 96822-4481

AGRtestimony

From: rickthornhill12@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Richard Thornhill
<rickthornhill12@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 2, 2019 9:15 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am
Categories: Blue Category

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For these reasons, I urge you to support HB 131. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Richard Thornhill
4141 Queen Emmas Dr Princeville, HI 96722-5541

AGRtestimony

From: southernbobs@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of ROBERT NERGER
<southernbobs@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 2, 2019 10:23 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am
Categories: Blue Category

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For these reasons, I urge you to support HB 131. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
ROBERT NERGER
PO Box 17 Naalehu, HI 96772-0017

AGRtestimony

From: Robert Wilcox <bertzz@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 8:39 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Strong SUPPORT for HB 131

Categories: Blue Category

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

RE: SUPPORT HB 131

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and Members of the Committee

My name is Robert Wilcox and I live in Maui. I am testifying in strong support of HB 131.

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Thank you for your consideration!

Mahalo,
Robert Wilcox
45 Pualu Loop
Lahaina, HI 96761

AGRtestimony

From: robthom2001@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Robert Thomson
<robthom2001@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 2, 2019 7:14 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am
Categories: Blue Category

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For these reasons, I urge you to support HB 131. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Robert Thomson
16516 87th Ave E Puyallup, WA 98375-9635

AGRtestimony

From: robthom2001@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Robert Thomson
<robthom2001@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 2, 2019 7:14 PM
To: AGRtestimony
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Sincerely,
Robert Thomson
16516 87th Ave E Puyallup, WA 98375-9635

AGRtestimony

From: robycamibesly <robycamibesly@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 7:40 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Strong SUPPORT for HB 131

Categories: Blue Category

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

RE: SUPPORT HB 131

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and Members of the Committee

My name is Robyn, and live in Honolulu. I am in strong support of HB 131.

Please support HB131, which is designed to accelerate the process that will allow farmers in Hawaii to grow and market hemp products, and help Hawaii diversify its economy as long as it is Organic.

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Thank you for your consideration!

Mahalo,
Robyn, Honolulu

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

AGRtestimony

From: Rudy Bruce <rudyrusty13@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 9:24 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Strong SUPPORT for HB 131

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

RE: SUPPORT HB 131

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and Members of the Committee

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Thank you for your consideration!

Mahalo,
Bruce Robertson, Eleele, Kauai, HI

Sent from my iPhone

AGRtestimony

From: Sam Sherline <1hulabear@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 12:51 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Strong SUPPORT for HB 131

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

RE: SUPPORT HB 131

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and Members of the Committee

My name is (Samantha), and I live in (Discovery Harbor RESIDENCE). I am testifying in strong support of HB 131.

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Thank you for your consideration!

Mahalo,
[Samantha Sherline DiscoveryHarbor Na'alehu]

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AGRtestimony

From: scottypoppins72@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Scott Valkenaar
<scottypoppins72@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 2:24 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am
Categories: Blue Category

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For these reasons, I urge you to support HB 131. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Scott Valkenaar
PO Box 547 Anahola, HI 96703-0547

AGRtestimony

From: ssmoore72@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sherrie Moore <ssmoore72@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 2, 2019 12:51 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am
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For these reasons, I urge you to support HB 131. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Sherrie Moore
RR 3 Box 1302 Pahoehoe, HI 96778-7518

AGRtestimony

From: haysamsongs@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sheryl Samuel
<haysamsongs@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 2, 2019 10:52 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am
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For these reasons, I urge you to support HB 131. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Sheryl Samuel
47 -4562 Honokaa Waipio Rd Honokaa, HI 96727-7100

AGRtestimony

From: soo.mashburn@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Soo Mashburn
<soo.mashburn@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 2, 2019 2:03 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am
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Sincerely,
Soo Mashburn
72 -4077 Pa Kukui Pl Kailua Kona, HI 96740-8445

AGRtestimony

From: STEPHENIE BLAKEMORE <stephenieblakemore@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 5:57 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Strong SUPPORT for HB 131

Categories: Blue Category

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

RE: SUPPORT HB 131

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and Members of the Committee

My name is Steohenie Blakemore and I live in Kapa'a. I am testifying in strong support of HB 131.

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Thank you for your consideration!

Mahalo,
Stephenie Blakemore
Kapa'a.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

AGRtestimony

From: coxsuz@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Susan Cox
<coxsuz@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 1:20 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am
Categories: Blue Category

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For these reasons, I urge you to support HB 131. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Susan Cox
321 E 71st St New York, NY 10021-4729

AGRtestimony

From: susan.stayton@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Susan Stayton
<susan.stayton@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 9:51 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am
Categories: Blue Category

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For these reasons, I urge you to support HB 131. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Susan Stayton
PO Box 1113 Lawai, HI 96765-1113

AGRtestimony

From: tara kaplinsky <tarakaplinsky@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 5:24 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Strong SUPPORT for HB 131

Categories: Blue Category

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

RE: SUPPORT HB 131

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and Members of the Committee

My name is (Tara Kaplinsky, and I live in Kilauea, Hawaii. I am testifying in strong support of HB 131.

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Thank you for your consideration!

Mahalo,
Tara Kaplinsky, Kilauea, Hawaii

Sent from my iPhone

AGRtestimony

From: Taua Aiolupotea <lealataua80@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 10:17 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Strong SUPPORT for HB 131

Categories: Blue Category

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE RE: SUPPORT HB 131 Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and Members of the Committee My name is (Taua Aiolupotea), and I live in (Oahu). I am testifying in strong support of HB 131. Please support HB131, which is designed to accelerate the process that will allow farmers in Hawaii to grow and market hemp products, and help Hawaii diversify its economy. The recent passage of Farm Bill in December presents Hawaii with a monumental opportunity to usher in a successful new hemp agricultural industry. While other states had the requisite ag plans prepared and ready to submit to the feds prior to the passage of the Farm Bill, our state has dragged its heels. Our economy cannot afford to delay any longer. We should pass the requisite legislation to allow the state to move forward on the opportunity to generate millions of dollars in profits, create new jobs and enable entrepreneurial opportunities. New cottage industries around hemp are cropping up left and right. Hemp is now being used for clothing, paper, building materials, foods, health supplements and a variety of other value-added products. The potential for the growth of small business is exponential. In fact, current industry estimates report U.S. hemp product sales at nearly \$820 million in 2017. In addition to its potential for agricultural commerce, hemp has the potential to remediate our contaminated soils. The toxic legacy of sugar, pineapple and more recently the pesticide intensive biotech industry has left large acreages of our ag land contaminated. Through phytoremediation hemp can undo some of this damage. Thank you for your consideration! Mahalo, [Taua Aiolupotea , Oahu

AGRtestimony

From: tia.pearson@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Tia Pearson
<tia.pearson@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 2, 2019 9:30 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am
Categories: Blue Category

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For these reasons, I urge you to support HB 131. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Tia Pearson
PO Box 861697 Wahiawa, HI 96786-8563

AGRtestimony

From: Elle Cochran <ellekcochran@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 10:07 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Strong SUPPORT for HB 131

Categories: Blue Category

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

RE: SUPPORT HB 131

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and Members of the Committee

My name is Elle Cochran, and I live in Honolulu Valley on the island of Maui. I am testifying in strong support of HB 131.

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Thank you for your consideration!

Mahalo,
Elle Cochran

AGRtestimony

From: tom@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Tom Leonard
<tom@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 2, 2019 9:18 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am
Categories: Blue Category

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For these reasons, I urge you to support HB 131. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Tom Leonard
75 -6009 Alii Dr Unit F-1 Kailua Kona, HI 96740-4369

AGRtestimony

From: Tom Leonard <tom@hawaiian.net>
Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 11:12 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Strong SUPPORT for HB 131

Categories: Blue Category

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

RE: SUPPORT HB 131

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and Members of the Committee

My name is Tom Leonard, and I live in Kona on the Big Island. I am testifying in strong support of HB 131.

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Mahalo,

Tom Leonard
75-6009 Aill Drive, Unit F-1
Kailua Kona, HI 96740
tom@hawaiian.net | 808-936-0222

AGRtestimony

From: valerieweiss31@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Valerie Weiss <valerieweiss31@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 2, 2019 9:55 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am
Categories: Blue Category

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Sincerely,
Valerie Weiss
6616 Alahele St Kapaa, HI 96746-9426

AGRtestimony

From: valerie@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Valerie Innes
<valerie@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 2, 2019 2:02 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am

Categories: Blue Category

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Sincerely,
Valerie Innes
4341 Kapuna Rd Kilauea, HI 96754-5523

AGRtestimony

From: vpashland@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Van Ashland
<vpashland@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 3, 2019 11:16 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am
Categories: Blue Category

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Sincerely,
Van Ashland
PO Box 37-7401 Ocean View, HI 96737

AGRtestimony

From: victoriagw@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Victoria Gail-White
<victoriagw@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 2, 2019 9:39 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am
Categories: Blue Category

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Sincerely,
Victoria Gail-White
PO Box 1125 Haleiwa, HI 96712-1125

AGRtestimony

From: Virginia Dunas <viriniadunas@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 9:13 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Strong SUPPORT for HB 131

Categories: Blue Category

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

RE: SUPPORT HB 131

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and Members of the Committee

My name is Virginia Dunas and I live at 2371 Ho'ohu Road in Po'ipu. I am testifying in strong support of HB 131.

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Thank you for your consideration!

Mahalo,
Virginia Dunas
PO Box 699
2371 Ho'ohu Road
Kōloa, HI 96756

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AGRtestimony

From: Wendy Beckett <peterpanspal45@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 11:14 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Strong SUPPORT for HB 131

Categories: Blue Category

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE RE: SUPPORT HB 131 Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and Members of the Committee My name is (INSERT NAME), and I live in (INSERT RESIDENCE). I am testifying in strong support of HB 131. Please support HB131, which is designed to accelerate the process that will allow farmers in Hawaii to grow and market hemp products, and help Hawaii diversify its economy. The recent passage of Farm Bill in December presents Hawaii with a monumental opportunity to usher in a successful new hemp agricultural industry. While other states had the requisite ag plans prepared and ready to submit to the feds prior to the passage of the Farm Bill, our state has dragged its heels. Our economy cannot afford to delay any longer. We should pass the requisite legislation to allow the state to move forward on the opportunity to generate millions of dollars in profits, create new jobs and enable entrepreneurial opportunities. New cottage industries around hemp are cropping up left and right. Hemp is now being used for clothing, paper, building materials, foods, health supplements and a variety of other value-added products. The potential for the growth of small business is exponential. In fact, current industry estimates report U.S. hemp product sales at nearly \$820 million in 2017. In addition to its potential for agricultural commerce, hemp has the potential to remediate our contaminated soils. The toxic legacy of sugar, pineapple and more recently the pesticide intensive biotech industry has left large acreages of our ag land contaminated. Through phytoremediation hemp can undo some of this damage. Thank you for your consideration!
Mahalo,

Wendy Beckett
4215 Hoala Street, Apt 123
Lihue, HI 96766

AGRtestimony

From: yceliz@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Yvette Celiz
<ycliz@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, February 1, 2019 11:30 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am

Categories: Blue Category

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Sincerely,
Yvette Celiz
868 Niheu St Lahaina, HI 96761-2153

AGRtestimony

From: trjanne@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Anne Lorenzo
<trjanne@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 9:35 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am

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For these reasons, I urge you to support HB 131. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Anne Lorenzo
91 -1201 Keoneula Blvd Ewa Beach, HI 96706-6237

AGRtestimony

From: Brent Gillis <brentgillis@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 10:42 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Regarding HB 872 - Relating to Environmental Protection (Oppose)

HOUSE COMMITTEES ON AGRICULTURE AND ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION February 6, 2019, 9:45 a.m.
Conference Room 312
Regarding HB 872 – Relating to Environmental Protection

I am writing to respectfully ask that you oppose HB 872. Invasive species are one of the largest issues impacting Hawaii's native forests and watershed areas. Glyphosate is an important tool in helping to eradicate invasive weeds. There are also health benefits in using glyphosate to control weeds that can produce pollen that triggers allergies or that harbor insects, snails or slugs that carry diseases.

When it comes to safety assessments, no other pesticide has been more extensively tested than glyphosate. In evaluations spanning four decades, the overwhelming conclusion of experts worldwide, including the Environmental Protection Agency, has been that glyphosate can be used safely according to label instructions.

Please don't start creating unnecessary rules that will make it more difficult for homeowners, farmers and government agencies to protect their families, employees and communities. Leave the usage requirements to the experts.

Please oppose HB 872.

AGRtestimony

From: joyouslake13@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Colleen Corrigan <joyouslake13@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 8:00 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am

Dear Hawai'i State House Agriculture Committee,

I am writing in strong support of HB 131, which brings the state law on hemp legalization to equal the federal law. This legislation is critical to all of Hawai'i's farmers who wish to reap the economic and environmental benefits of hemp farming, including soil remediation and decreasing pesticide use.

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For these reasons, I urge you to support HB 131. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Colleen Corrigan
13108 Mamaki Paho, HI 96778

AGRtestimony

From: mader4maui@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Deborah Mader
<mader4maui@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 6:03 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am

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For these reasons, I urge you to support HB 131. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Deborah Mader
2647 Moolio Pl Kihei, HI 96753-7139

AGRtestimony

From: fernnygirl@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Fern Anuenue Holland
<fernnygirl@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 7:35 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 1504; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30am

Dear Hawai'i State House Agriculture Committee,

I am writing in strong support of HB1504 which repeals Hawai'i's over burdensome Hemp Pilot Program regulations for industrial hemp production. The current law restricts seed availability, acreage, production, transportation, and export, all of which was lifted nationwide with the passage of the latest Farm Bill.

Hawai'i's hemp laws need to catch up to the times, and that includes repealing these archaic laws that treat hemp as a controlled substance.

This legislation is critical for all of Hawai'i's farmers who wish to reap the economic and environmental benefits of hemp farming, including soil remediation and decreasing pesticide use.

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For these reasons, I urge you to support HB 1504. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Fern Anuenue Holland
PO Box 1996 Kapaa, HI 96746-5996

AGRtestimony

From: hbfoster77@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Hugh Foster <hbfoster77@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 5:50 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am

Dear Hawai'i State House Agriculture Committee,

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For these reasons, I urge you to support HB 131. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Hugh Foster
651040 Poamoho St # 737 Waiialua, HI 96791

AGRtestimony

From: daegnut@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of James Long
<daegnut@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 8:57 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am

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For these reasons, I urge you to support HB 131. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
James Long
PO Box 290 Naalehu, HI 96772-0290

AGRtestimony

From: slwsurfing@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sharon Willeford
<slwsurfing@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 10:02 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am

Dear Hawai'i State House Agriculture Committee,

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For these reasons, I urge you to support HB 131. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Sharon Willeford
PO Box 390605 Keauhou, HI 96739-0605

AGRtestimony

From: gifts9954@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Susan Vickery <gifts9954@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 6:23 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am

Dear Hawai'i State House Agriculture Committee,

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For these reasons, I urge you to support HB 131. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Susan Vickery
1889 Loke St Wailuku, HI 96793-1866

AGRtestimony

From: sacred.flower productions@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Toi Norwood
<sacred.flower productions@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 1:29 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am

Dear Hawai'i State House Agriculture Committee,

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For these reasons, I urge you to support HB 131. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Toi Norwood

55190 Kuhio Hwy # D-10 Hanalei, HI 96714

HB-131

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 5:54:13 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ann Strong	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-131

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 7:48:47 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bill Collins	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-131

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 7:53:30 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

LATE

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Colleen Lisowski	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Hemp has a long history of being a viable crop with so many diverse uses. It is very resistant to bugs therefore saving our precious land from chemical use. With so much land available on Maui we could use a crop that will create more jobs and more revenue

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HB-131

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 7:58:14 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Darlene Rodrigues	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I fully support this bill and its intent to open up the agricultural crops grown in Hawaii to include hemp. We need to diversify the crops to include something that can economically support Hawaii's future.

Thank you for the opportunity to support this bill.

HB-131

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 7:58:43 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Frank DeGiacomo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-131

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 7:59:57 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Judith White	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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HB-131

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 8:00:30 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Steve Canales	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Strongly Agree

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HB-131

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 8:12:02 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marilyn Mick	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-131

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 8:18:44 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jenny Ernst	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As a long time resident of Kauai, I am fully in support of HB131.

I support Hemp agriculture to help expand local farming, and local jobs.

Please give your support to HB131.

Thank you,

Jenny Ernst

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HB-131

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 8:19:19 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Maria N. Isotov	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB131, HB1504 - HEMP - Both measures take important steps to expand the ability of farmers to grow HEMP, this is a viable crop that our State can and should be growing and creating subsidiary industries from.

Maria N Isotov, Land Use Planner

Maui County

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HB-131

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 8:21:20 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sam Small	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

We need Hemp grown and processed here on Maui. Mahalo.

LATE

HB-131

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 8:23:43 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joanna Weber	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

HB-131

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 8:25:20 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lei Ho	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please consider HB131 to improve the ability of local farmers to raise profitable crops. Hemp has many ways to provide income to those who wish to work with it. Please help them do that.

thank you,

Lei Ho

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HB-131

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 8:29:34 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carolyn Ornellas	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha kākou! I want you all to know,

The WHOLE WORLD NEEDS HEMP

Especially HAWAII nei.

For starters: bioremediation, farming jobs, land management, food, and textiles, medicines, animal fodder. INDUSTRY GROWN HERE NOT FLOATED or FLOWN HERE.

Fuel that can replace deisel and/or lower carbon emssions when mixed with deisel. GROWN HERE NOT FLOATED HERE.

Polymers stronger and lighter than steel made with hemp byproducts. GROWN HERE NOT FLOATED HERE.

Affordable carbon-negative structures made almost entirely out of hemp that can be passively climate controled AND withstand hurricane force winds (many different technologies exist & can offer hope for housing & preparedness scarcity.) GROWN HERE NOT FLOATED HERE.

Digital technology applications are just as staggering and include nanotechnology. Hemp is a massive S.T.E.M. industrial resource. GROWN HERE NOT FLOATED or FLOWN HERE.

This one plant OFFERS ABUNDANCE to whomever recieves the seeds; be it wild landraces, heirlooms, and hybrids (non-transgenic), and takes the time to invest in it's cultivation, study, and application.

DO NOT DELAY

PASS THIS BILL

HEMP = ABUNDANCE

HEMP IS OUR past & our FUTURE

HEMP IS PONO

Mahalo

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HB-131

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 8:29:56 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
pat gegen	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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HB-131

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 8:33:26 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Samuel Levitz	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Strongly support this bill. Hawaii desperately needs a new industry to enhance our opportunities

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Submitted on: 2/5/2019 8:45:15 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Barbara Hanger	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

in favor of hemp legalization

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HB-131

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 8:48:09 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Debbie McMenemy	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Industrial hemp is a great crop; multiple harvests per year, hardy and a perfect replacement for the loss of sugar cane crops especially on Maui. Many wonderful products derive from hemp and there is commerce to be had; CBD products, materials, etc. I strongly support this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2019 8:48:10 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Eliel Starbright	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I SUPPORT TAKING important steps to expand the ability of farmers to grow HEMP,

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Submitted on: 2/5/2019 9:02:52 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mary Lacques	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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HB-131

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 9:05:55 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Coon	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/5/2019 9:16:46 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Casey Holaday	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

lets move forward and legalize all hemp cultivation.

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HB-131

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 9:25:32 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carrie Brennan, N.D.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Richard Creagan and Vice Chair Lynn DeCoite and Committee members,

I support his bill. Thank you for hearing my testimony.

Sincerely,

Carrie Brennan

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HB-131

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 9:33:05 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tiana Laranio	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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HB-131

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 9:33:10 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
pamela burrell	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Hemp is an important ag product with so many uses. Besides all the value added products that can be made from it just using the fibers, the growing of it helps with the remediation of unhealthy soils. This is a very valuable crop with multiple benefits.

thank you.

pamela burrell, kuaa'i

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Submitted on: 2/5/2019 9:36:34 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Terry OShaughnessy	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support the bill to encourage the growing of hemp in Hawaii as a alternative crop for income and export.

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HB-131

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 10:06:51 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Laurel Quarton	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

LATE

HB-131

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 10:16:03 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Pablo Beimler	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

LATE

HB-131

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 10:19:46 PM
Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Vince Kana`i Dodge	`Ai Pohaku	Support	No

Comments:

Mahalo legislators for hearing HB131

Hemp is an amazing plant it is food medicine fiber and remediates contaminated soil.

bring State laws up to date w the Federal decriminalization of industrial hemp.

aloha Nui!

Vince Kanai Dodge

small business owner

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HB-131

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 10:18:54 PM
Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Noreen Dougherty	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am strongly in Favor of HB872.

As an educator in the State of Hawaii for 40 years I ask that HB872 be unanimously supported. The use of any and all Glyphosate on or near school grounds must stop. It is extremely detrimental to all people and we certainly must protect our children. Support the keiki.

Please support HB 872

Mahalo,

Noreen Dougherty

P.O. Box 685

Kapaa, Hawaii 96746

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Dr. Myron Berney, N.D., L.Ac.
808-392-3366

HB131, HB1504 Support and Oppose

I Support the Complete and Unconditional Legalization of Cannabis and Cannabis products A.K.A. Marijuana, Pakalolo

However, in brief, Hawaii is already growing WORLD CLASS PAKALOLO!

Hemp is for Kansas Hawaii is already producing WORLD CLASS PAKALOLO!

Hawaii should maintain Quality over mere fiber production.
Hawaii is for Medicine, Kansas is for rope!

- Quality farms cannot co-exist with fiber farms and
- fiber farms cannot co-exist with Quality Farms

due to cross contamination with airborne pollen both farms fail.

Any legislation should protect local family farms from being over run by foreign investor marijuana plantations. The highest quality production comes from family farm greenhouses. The invasion by foreign investor, drug cartels, setting up large commercial marijuana plantations has lowered the quality of Medicine available on the mainland. Language should be included that limits marijuana production to 100 large plants [that can produce pounds of flowers] or 1000 small auto flowering species [which produce only a quarter to a half ounce of flowers]. All other commercial sales go by weight or volume. A “plant” is not a valid commercial or legal unit of measurement since the size and weight of a “plant” has a range of one sixteenth of a pound to a two or three pounds. There is a big difference a wide range between a quarter of an oz and a few pounds.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2019 10:26:54 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
petra zoeller	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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HB-131

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 10:39:52 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jennifer Bojanowski	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Re. Hearing at 9:15 am 2/6/19

Dear Rep. Creagan, Rep. DeCoite, and other Committee Members,

I am writing in support of HB131 relating to hemp production in Hawaii, as a trained farmer (via GoFarm Hawaii).

Respectfully,

Jennifer Bojanowski
Haleiwa, Hawaii 96712

HB-131

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 10:46:33 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Steven Forman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/5/2019 11:02:39 PM
Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jun Shin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please support this and let's diversify our agriculture, the federal government has moved to decriminalize. From milk to clothes, we've seen the many uses for hemp. It's time for our state to act.

Thank you.

LATE

HB-131

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 11:06:45 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Samantha Robinson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Hemp is a renewable resource that should be taken advantage of for the benefit of the environment.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2019 11:17:29 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tom Leonard	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/5/2019 11:27:17 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Wendy Beckett	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Hemp is a sustainable crop. It helps "clean" the earth/ground from toxins. It can be used for countless products. It is economically feasible. Hawaii needs hemp.

LATE

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Submitted on: 2/5/2019 11:35:14 PM
Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lauralee Baoy	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please support farming of Hemp in Hawaii. Support HB 131.

LATE

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Submitted on: 2/6/2019 12:58:48 AM
Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joanna Wheelers	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please support any efforts to grow hemp in the State. It is a great asset as it cleans poison polluted land and it has all sorts of uses that could promote our economy without contaminating the environment.

With warmest aloha and mahalo,

Joanna Wheeler

Registered Voter

Kapaa,HI

LATE

HB-131

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 1:17:00 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kim Coco Iwamoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

LATE

HB-131

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 1:22:36 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
william digiorgio	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this measure.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2019 2:01:27 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

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

Comments:

WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS BILL.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2019 3:34:18 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Maria Walker	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/6/2019 5:30:57 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chelle Galarza	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I SUPPORT LEGALIZING INDUSTRIAL HEMP IN HAWAI'!!

Hemp farming will be an asset to local agriculture, providing important local jobs and renewed investment into our rural communities.

Chelle Galarza

LATE

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Submitted on: 2/6/2019 5:51:20 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Teresa Gardner	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

to the committee on agriculture,

I am writing today to urge your support on the ability of farmers to grow hemp. As a farmer on Kauai I support the continued research and growing of hemp that could very well be a successful crop for the islands that will benefit the agricultural and tourist industry.

Sincerely,

Teresa Gardner

Kilauea, HI

HB-131

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 6:26:15 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Peter Sternlicht	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support the passage of HB131. Passage of this bill, to authorize the regulated production of Industrial Hemp, would be a step to supporting local agriculture in our state, especially on the outer islands such as Hawaii Island. I encourage all legislators to support this bill.

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HB-131

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 6:32:47 AM
Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Randy Ching	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee,

I support HB131.

Randy Ching

Honolulu (makikirandy@yahoo.com)

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HB-131

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 6:40:05 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robert Fontana	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Pass this important bill to further the commercial growth and production of hemp on the islands. It is best crop both environmentally and economically to replace what has now left the islands (pineapple and sugar cane). Hemp will replenish the soil that previous productions have destroyed, and do so without the use of harsh and poisonous chemicals.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2019 6:46:47 AM
Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mary Paterson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This is a no-brainer for Kauai - with all the fallow ag lands we have since the sugar industry folded, this sustainable, usable, low-water consuming plant is and should be allowed for a variety of uses throughout the island. Please vote yes on this bill.

Mahalo and Aloha,

Mary Paterson

Kauai County

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HB-131

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 7:15:30 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha. I fully support HB131. Hemp's fast growing cycle is perfect for Hawaii's year round growing seasons, in addition to revitalizing the soil after decades of chemical use. Mahalo.

HB-131

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 7:18:11 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tripler Ng	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-131

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 7:30:14 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
YVONNE JOHNSON	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please support HB131. Hawaii needs to diversify and Hawaiian farmers should have the ability to grow and sell hemp if they so choose. This innocuous crop has for too long been kept in the shadows due to its being a cousin of marijuana. There is no good reason why hemp cannot be and should not be grown by Hawaiian farmers who wish to do so.

HB-131

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 7:32:22 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
jessica murray	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Increasing our farmers capacity to succeed by allowing them to grow hemp will not only improve their lives but it will increase the economy for Hawaii and set Hawaii as an example for the country and the world.

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HB-131

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 7:49:37 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Neal Chantara	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I've never smoked pot and have no use for THC, but hemp has many uses. Let's help this country reduce its dependence on trees, help farmers with a cash crop, and help land to be used for growing hemp rather than growing houses,

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HB-131

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 7:58:18 AM
Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Charlotte OBrien	A non-profit Food Security Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying on behalf of Food Security Hawaii, a group that was formed to address the lack of locally grown food in the islands. We recognize that if hemp were allowed to be in the mix of crops that it would be very beneficial for soil remediation, the building of organic matter and good fodder for composting.

In additon, the ability to grow hemp as one of many crops allows a farmer to offset the cost of growing less profitable crops while also preparing the soil for food crops. The farmers of Hawaii deserve the right to compete with mainland farmers.

Cancer patients around the world are waiting for the solutions that are being promised by a developing hemp oil economy. Please don't make Hawaiian farmers sit on the side line during this exciting time.

Charlotte O'Brien

Executive Director of Food Security Hawaii

Haiku, HI

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HB-131

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 8:57:45 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
anita hallard	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha -

Hemp farming will be an asset to local agriculture, providing important local jobs and renewed investment into our rural communities.

Thank you

Anita Hallard

HB-131

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 8:59:45 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kris Bordessa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I urge you to support bill HB131.

decoite2 - Sara

From: michelle_novoa@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Michelle Novoa
<michelle_novoa@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 4:30 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am

Dear Hawai'i State House Agriculture Committee,

I am writing in strong support of HB 131, which brings the state law on hemp legalization to equal the federal law. This legislation is critical to all of Hawai'i's farmers who wish to reap the economic and environmental benefits of hemp farming, including soil remediation and decreasing pesticide use.

Creating new jobs in Hawai'i's agricultural sector should be a priority of this body, and the expansion of this market will bring important investments into our rural farming communities.

As a rotational crop in a diversified regenerative agriculture plan, hemp has a huge role to play in addressing some of the most pressing issues of our time: economic revitalization, climate change, public health, and environmental protection. We must do all that we can to protect these growing businesses and allow them to thrive.

For these reasons, I urge you to support HB 131. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Michelle Novoa
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decoite2 - Sara

From: rondo@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ron O'Brien
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Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 10:07 PM
To: AGRtestimony
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Ron O'Brien
4664 A Apopo Rd Kapaa, HI 96746-2443

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Hemp offers many different uses that can promote a more sustainable world. Hemp products can be recycled, reused and are 100% biodegradable.

For these reasons, I urge you to support HB 131. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Michelle Holmes
2524 Jasmine St Honolulu, HI 96816-3512