

**SB 1351**

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TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT

FEBRUARY 4, 2019  
1:20 P.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM 224

SENATE BILL NO. 1351  
RELATING TO HEMP

Chairperson Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill 1351, which allows the department's seed certification personnel to perform inspections for its hemp program, and charge fees for the performance of such inspections. The Department strongly supports this measure.

The hemp program currently has one employee and needs access to more personnel and resources to run an expanded program. The ability to utilize already-existing seed certification program personnel currently located on three islands would allow the Department to expand its program capacity in an efficient manner.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



**SB-1351**

Submitted on: 2/1/2019 9:58:59 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/4/2019 1:20:00 PM

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

Comments:

[www.WeAreOne.cc](http://www.WeAreOne.cc)

**SB-1351**

Submitted on: 2/3/2019 11:27:04 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/4/2019 1:20:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kauai Trainer	Testifying for Momilani Farm	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

Please adopt sampling strategies that create less bureacracy and more hemp farmers.

Mahalo,

Kau'i Trainer, Hilo

**SB-1351**

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 5:28:05 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/4/2019 1:20:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Michael Golojuch Jr	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please pass SB 1351.

Michael Golojuch, Jr.

**SB-1351**

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 9:32:12 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/4/2019 1:20:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ken Stover	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**SB-1351**

Submitted on: 2/1/2019 10:22:06 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/4/2019 1:20:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jonathan Boyne	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**SB-1351**

Submitted on: 2/2/2019 9:48:00 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/4/2019 1:20:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
denise woods	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

Please support SB13151 so that we can have hemp on our islands which will provide a huge oppertunity for farmers and for the islands themselves.

Denise Woods RN



**SB-1351**

Submitted on: 2/3/2019 1:17:09 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/4/2019 1:20:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ashley Wilcox	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**SB-1351**

Submitted on: 2/3/2019 1:56:55 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/4/2019 1:20:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kanela	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

I am opposed to this bill on many grounds and respectfully request of our Rep. Sam Kong and Senator Breene Harimoto that they not support its passage.

Thank you

**From:** [Randy Ching](#)  
**To:** [AEN Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** In SUPPORT of SB1351  
**Date:** Friday, February 1, 2019 9:02:03 AM

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Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Ruderman and members of the committee,

I support SB1351 which would allow the DoA to use temporary inspectors to encourage the growth of hemp locally. Hemp makes a lot of sense -- we have thousands of acres of fallow ag land and people looking to make a living by doing agricultural work.

Please pass SB1351. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Randy Ching  
Honolulu (makikirandy@yahoo.com)

**From:** [Dave Kisor](#)  
**To:** [AEN Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Support SB1351  
**Date:** Saturday, February 2, 2019 9:08:34 PM

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Aloha Chair Gabbard & Vice Chair Ruderman

Please. Mahalo,  
Dave Kisor  
Pahoa, 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!

**From:** [Iain M Young](#)  
**To:** [AEN Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Hemp bills  
**Date:** Friday, February 1, 2019 7:37:00 AM

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Warm Alohas,

Hemp is one of the most versatile plants we can ever grow. It makes for the strongest and softest fabric. Hemp's other properties make it extremely valuable in making paper, oils and many other products including building materials. Pass these bills and allow farmers to grow this incredible crop.

Sincerely,  
Iain Young  
Hilo, HI

**From:** [Maria Clark](#)  
**To:** [AEN Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Testimonial in Support of SB 1351  
**Date:** Sunday, February 3, 2019 7:52:47 PM

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Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Ruderman and Members of the Committee

My name is Maria Clark, I'm a Massage Therapist and Business Owner in Kauai

Thank you for your consideration

I urge you to support SB 1351

Mahalo,  
Maria Clark, Anahola

Sent from my iPhone

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**SB-1351**

Submitted on: 2/4/2019 1:05:20 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/4/2019 1:20:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Yoshito L'Hote	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Yoshito L'Hote,

I am the CEO and President of 'Aina Ho'okupu O Kilauea, currently developing 75 acres on the north shore of Kaua'i for the purpose of agriculture. I am also a licensee to grow hemp in HI. I am in support of bill HB151.

I support bringing more resources to the Department of Agriculture for the Hemp Pilot Project. I am asking the legislature to be in support of the Pilot Hemp Project as I really believe in its' potential to bring a breath of fresh air to the agriculture reality of Hawai'i. It will bring a lot of money to the community level and encourage entrepreneurial and artisanship which will contribute to making our communities healthier by bringing new found hope for local peoples to become successful.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify,

Yoshito L'Hote