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TESTIMONY OF PHYLLIS SHIMABUKURO-GEISER
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

MARCH 13, 2019
8:30 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 312

SENATE BILL NO. 1353 SD 3
RELATING TO INDUSTRIAL HEMP

Chairpersons Creagan and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill 1353 SD3 which authorizes the department of agriculture to establish a new program for hemp regulation in the state according to the 2018 Federal Farm bill's guidelines regarding hemp production. The Department supports this bill and proposes the following amendments:

(1) Adjustment to make the licensing timeline clearer and more efficient for the Industrial Hemp Program:

§141-C Licensing.

(h) Each license shall be valid for two [one] years from the date of issuance [, after which the licensee shall be required to renew the license and pay the renewal fee].

(2) An addition to the new special fund language to allow SB1351 to be effective:

§141-I Hemp Special Fund Established.

(2) Any fees collected by the department of agriculture in relation to the industrial hemp pilot program[;], except for fees collected for the services provided by temporary inspectors, as specified in section 141-37.



(3) In order to stay consistent with federal law and have a submitted hemp plan approved:

§141-I Violations.

(3) A licensee that negligently violates this part three times in a five-year period shall be ineligible for the industrial hemp program for a period of five years beginning on the date of the third violation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

SB-1353-SD-3

Submitted on: 3/12/2019 7:42:01 AM

Testimony for AGR on 3/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brian Miyamoto	Hawaii Farm Bureau	Support	Yes

Comments:



HAWAI'I CENTER FOR FOOD SAFETY

House Committee on Agriculture

Hawai'i Center for Food Safety supports with amendments: SB1353(SD3)

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

My name is Lauryn Rego and I am the Hawai'i program co-director for the Center for Food Safety (CFS). CFS is a nationwide public interest, sustainable agriculture nonprofit organization whose mission centers on furthering the public's right to know how their food is produced, through labeling and other means. We have over 1 million farmer and consumer members across the country, including nearing 11,000 in Hawai'i. On behalf of CFS and our members, I thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony regarding this important bill.

I am writing today, in support of amendments to SB1353(SD3) which authorizes the department of agriculture to establish the industrial hemp program. Repeals the industrial hemp special fund under section 141-41, HRS, when the industrial hemp pilot program is repealed on 6/30/2021. Authorizes the chairperson of the board of agriculture to submit a proposed state plan to monitor and regulate hemp production to the United States Secretary of Agriculture. Appropriates funds.

We have many concerns about how the new program rules will be laid out especially how licenses will be distributed. Much of the licensing language in SB1353(SD3) is more restrictive than the current Federal Law. Additionally, the standards and procedures for selecting licensees should be transparent. Exemption from Chapter 91 means that if a license is denied there is no adjudicative hearing or proceeding to challenge.

We also have concerns about how the list of approved cultivars will be formed. Any cultivar or seed from a certified source, that meets the federal definition of industrial hemp, should be permitted without further process through the DOA.

The chairperson may from time to time add or remove any cultivar from the list if the cultivar is found to be noncompliant with this part.

We recommend the words "with this part" be replaced with "with the legal definition of hemp."

Much of the language in §141-F Violations (a) and (b) is inconsistent with the Farm Bill, which details what constitutes a violation and how it should be addressed. The Farm Bill is very clear about negligent violations and this section leaves out the consideration of intent. The restriction of the retail sale of unprocessed hemp is also stronger than Federal Law.

Hawai'i's hemp farmers are going to need support and flexibility, when it comes to accidental violations. Hemp seeds which have historically produced low THC levels in other regions can suddenly behave differently under Hawai'i's tropical growing conditions. These farmers are going to need the option to retest or recondition crops that accidentally test over. We hope to

see these accommodations adopted by the Department of Agriculture in their hemp plan. Crop destruction, license suspension and revocation should be used only as a measure of last resort.

On the topic of industrial licensing, the language in the bill that continues to allow the DOA to limit licenses based on their limited program resources, is not ideal. Hawai'i should be lifting the chains off industrial hemp, not looking for excuses to limit production. Let's make sure the Department is properly funded in order to facilitate this emerging market.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,
Lauryn Rego
Hawai'i Program Co-Director
Center for Food Safety



Dedicated to safe, responsible, humane and effective drug policies since 1993

TO: House Committee on Agriculture
FROM: Carl Bergquist, Executive Director
HEARING DATE: March 13, 2019, 8:30AM
RE: SB1353 SD3, RELATING TO INDUSTRIAL HEMP, **COMMENTS**

Dear Chair Creagan, Vice Chair ; Committee Members:

The Drug Policy Forum of Hawai'i (DPFHI) **appreciates** the intent of this measure and offers the following comments:

- **Please remove the blanket exclusion of felons in a future hemp history.** The Farm Bill of 2018, as passed by Congress, only excludes those with felonies from the past ten years. Some states like Kentucky and North Carolina follow this approach. Colorado takes a more nuanced tack, but it may be forced to change that.¹ At a minimum, please institute a ten-year limit on this ban;
- In *California*, only offenses in the past ten years can be used to deny an applicant an adult-use cannabis license;
- In *Hawaii*, medical cannabis dispensaries may employ certain felons and can only exclude felony drug offenders from the 10 past years. [HRS §329D-6 Dispensary operations.](#)
- Finally, we request that you amend this bill to reflect the ethos of [HB131 HD2](#) – which contains provisions that *requires* rather *authorizes* the Department of Agriculture to take steps to legalize hemp to maximum extent permitted by federal law.

We submit that prospective hemp industry workers should not be *more* harshly treated than those listed above. We look forward to the day that cannabis joins hemp in being taken off the state and federal Schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act, and also grows in our fields across the islands. **Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.**

¹ <https://www.mcclatchydc.com/news/politics-government/congress/article222658500.html>.

SB-1353-SD-3

Submitted on: 3/12/2019 9:48:02 AM

Testimony for AGR on 3/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Reba O'Day	Birds With Arms Farms	Support	No

Comments:

As a small family farm, we ask you to support this bill. Help local farmers!

SB-1353-SD-3

Submitted on: 3/11/2019 10:38:32 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kauai Trainer	Momilani Farm	Comments	No

Comments:

I want a bill that is equal to the Federal legalization. After decades of senseless prohibition, I don't see any reason to hold back the possibilities this crop has to offer Hawaii's farmers.

I recommend that the licensing process be open and transparent, and that denied licensees have a process for appeal. I support all certified varieties that meet the legal definition of hemp be made available and that the raw unprocessed flower be unrestricted to match the federal law. I want language that acknowledges that when violations are accidental there is flexibility for farmers to be able to recondition and retest their crops in the case of an accidental violation.

I want a bill that sets a limit on the costs of testing. Testing should not be overburdensome on farmers.

I want a bill that allows small farmers to grow hemp as a cover green crop for soil health or for animal feed, and not just for human consumption. I want to grow hemp on my farm for these purposes.

Enough with the over burdensome restrictions- If this bill can include what I want, I would support it. Thank you for the opportunity to make comments.

SB-1353-SD-3

Submitted on: 3/11/2019 5:59:14 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Yoshito L'Hote	Aina Ho'okupu o Kilauea	Support	No

Comments:

We are in strong support of this bill as it will allow us to address some major issues due to the current status. We understand that these measures will be necessary for the Department of Ag to draft the plan for the federal government which has required each state to provide. As it stands Shelley Choy being the only one in the office to manage the pilot project is just not feasible and as a Licensee, we are working with DOA to grow the potential for this specialty crop to help support the state to recover the 50% loss of revenue from Commodity crops.

mahalo,

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SB-1353-SD-3

Submitted on: 3/11/2019 6:06:13 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Maluhia Lhote	Koaie Farms Services LLC	Support	No

Comments:

I am in strong support of this bill as I am a farmer on Kaua'i and see this crop as a huge potential revenue source for all of Hawaii to capitalize on. But without the proper statute nothing can work.

I see this bill even though it is not perfect to be the right first steps towards changing the statutes for hemp to reflect the Farm Bill.

Mahalo

Maluhia LHote

SB-1353-SD-3

Submitted on: 3/11/2019 10:19:47 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jeri Di Pietro	Hawai'i SEED	Support	No

Comments:

SB-1353-SD-3

Submitted on: 3/10/2019 7:17:18 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

SB-1353-SD-3

Submitted on: 3/11/2019 3:44:50 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lois Crozer	Individual	Comments	No

Comments:

SB1353 SD3 as currently written needs a few amendments to fully take advantage of all that the Federal Law offers. Farmers need a fair and transparent licensing process, and access to all legal hemp varieties. They deserve legislation that supports an increase in the allocation of licenses and an expansion of planted acreage. The Federal Law clearly recognizes accidental violations, and Hawaii's hemp farmers need a law that considers intent as well as offers a process for crop reconditioning and retesting.

SB-1353-SD-3

Submitted on: 3/11/2019 4:03:23 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
elizabeth hansen	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Senators

Please consider supporting this bill. It will help our farming economy.

Thank you!

Elizabeth Hansen

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AGRtestimony

From: alyguy@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Alan Young
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Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 2:46 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am

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Sincerely,
Alan Young
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AGRtestimony

From: alisha.rego64@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Alisha Rego <alisha.rego64@everyactioncustom.com>
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To: AGRtestimony
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Sincerely,
Alisha Rego
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AGRtestimony

From: begoniabarry@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Barbara Barry
<begoniabarry@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 8:17 PM
To: AGRtestimony
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Sincerely,
Barbara Barry
1220 W Kuiaha Rd Haiku, HI 96708-5520

AGRtestimony

From: tnumata0415@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Bobbie Numata <tnumata0415@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 10:22 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am

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Sincerely,
Bobbie Numata
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From: brucefehring@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Bruce Fehring
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Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 3:13 PM
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Sincerely,
Bruce Fehring
4320 Wailapa Rd Kilauea, HI 96754-5409

AGRtestimony

From: chrisp@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Chris Peterson
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Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 4:47 PM
To: AGRtestimony
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I have an organic farm on Hawaii Island, and I would like the opportunity to grow hemp there. I think it would work well on currently uncultivated portions of my land.

For these reasons, I urge you to support SB 1353 SD3 and amend this bill to be equal to legalization under the Federal Law.

Sincerely,
Chris Peterson
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AGRtestimony

From: dantree808@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Daniel Foreman <dantree808@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 8:32 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am

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Sincerely,
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From: d.sofio@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of David Sofio
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Sincerely,
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From: tcb609@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Debra Vitola <tcb609@everyactioncustom.com>
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Mahalo.

Sincerely,
Debra Vitola
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From: Dharma@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Dharma Widmann
<Dharma@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
Dharma Widmann
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From: dkanealii02@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Diane Kanealii <dkanealii02@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
Diane Kanealii
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AGRtestimony

From: scottspalapa@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ernest Jepson
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Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 2:36 PM
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Sincerely,
Ernest Jepson
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From: fernnygirl@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Fern Anuenue Holland
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Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 7:54 PM
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Sincerely,
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Sincerely,
Frances Ross
28 Mamalahoa Hwy Honomu, HI 96728

AGRtestimony

From: frankdecaria@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Frank DeCaria
<frankdecaria@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 4:56 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am

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Sincerely,
Frank DeCaria
54333 C Union Mill Rd Kapaau, HI 96755

AGRtestimony

From: glennjoslyn@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Glenn Joslyn
<glennjoslyn@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 6:14 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am

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Sincerely,
Glenn Joslyn
PO Box 1897 Keaau, HI 96749-1897

AGRtestimony

From: GLaBedzMD@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Gordon LaBedz
<GLaBedzMD@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 2:40 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am

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Sincerely,
Gordon LaBedz
PO Box 808 Waimea, HI 96796-0808

AGRtestimony

From: gpuppione@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Gregory Puppione
<gpuppione@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 3:19 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am

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Sincerely,
Gregory Puppione
563 Kamoku St # A-5 Honolulu, HI 96826-5245

AGRtestimony

From: gszirom@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Gyongyi Szirom
<gszirom@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 7:37 PM
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Sincerely,
Gyongyi Szirom
15 -1663 28TH Ave Keaau, HI 96749

AGRtestimony

From: haydn.huntley@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Haydn Huntley
<haydn.huntley@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 3:30 PM
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Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am

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Sincerely,
Haydn Huntley
582 Hoene St Makawao, HI 96768-8065

AGRtestimony

From: helmut@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Helmut Klauer
<helmut@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 3:35 PM
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 Pahoehoa, HI 96778-7817

AGRtestimony

From: detntom@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of H G Picher
<detntom@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 2:31 PM
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 Kealia, HI 96749

AGRtestimony

From: haleioluke@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Hiroko I
<haleioluke@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 5:35 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am

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Sincerely,
Hiroko I
47 -4507 Honokaa Waipio Rd Honokaa, HI 96727-7103

AGRtestimony

From: daegnut@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of James Long
<daegnut@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 8:03 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am

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Dear Hawai'i State House Agriculture Committee,

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

AGRtestimony

From: jason@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jason Blair
<jason@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 9:23 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am

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Sincerely,
Jason Blair
PO Box 1687 Kamuela, HI 96743-1687

AGRtestimony

From: jimcazelphoto@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jim Cazel
<jimcazelphoto@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 8:18 AM
To: AGRtestimony
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Sincerely,
Jim Cazel
1009 Alaea St Makawao, HI 96768-9307

AGRtestimony

From: jlee@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Joanna Lee <jlee@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 2:05 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am

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Sincerely,
Joanna Lee
1441 Kapiolani Blvd Ste 1114 Honolulu, HI 96814-4406

AGRtestimony

From: Jodesm@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jodie Mori
<Jodesm@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 8:09 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am

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Sincerely,
Jodie Mori
758 Sunset Ave Honolulu, HI 96816-2330

AGRtestimony

From: jdancer@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of John Naylor
<jdancer@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 3:06 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am

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Sincerely,
John Naylor
PO Box 1749 Makawao, HI 96768-1749

AGRtestimony

From: instantkarma90@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of John Stephens <instantkarma90@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 4:04 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am

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Sincerely,
John Stephens
80 No Mail Please Honolulu, HI 96814

AGRtestimony

From: H2ohtech@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of John Mcguire
<H2ohtech@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 7:00 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am

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Sincerely,
John Mcguire
PO Box 11098 Hilo, HI 96721-6098

AGRtestimony

From: boyne@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jonathan Boyne
<boyne@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 2:48 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am

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Sincerely,
Jonathan Boyne
2013 Kakela Dr Honolulu, HI 96822-2158

AGRtestimony

From: jwm7r@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jordan Moniuszko
<jwm7r@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 2:29 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am

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Sincerely,
Jordan Moniuszko
324 Kalama St Apt B Kailua, HI 96734-2065

AGRtestimony

From: unsubscribe@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Joseph Kohn MD
<unsubscribe@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 7:06 PM
To: AGRtestimony
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Sincerely,
Joseph Kohn MD
493 Pio Dr Apt 209 Wailuku, HI 96793-2641

AGRtestimony

From: judyrosenstern@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Judy Rosenstern
<judyrosenstern@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 9:00 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am

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Sincerely,
Judy Rosenstern
46 -1169 Kumupele Rd Honokaa, HI 96727-7047

AGRtestimony

From: junshinbusiness729@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jun Shin
<junshinbusiness729@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 3:49 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am

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Dear Hawai'i State House Agriculture Committee,

Aloha Members of the House Agriculture Committee,

I am writing in support of SB 1353 SD3, with amendments, in order to bring the state law on hemp legalization to equal the federal law. Updated hemp 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. Hemp has been shown to have many very great uses from clothes to milk, so there are a lot of benefits that we can already see. Diversifying our agriculture is also a much needed step to insure a sustainable future, which we need now more than ever in the face of climate change, but it also would be a big help toward areas like food security.

Farmers need a fair and transparent licensing process, and access to all legal hemp varieties. They want legislation that supports an increase in the allocation of licenses and an expansion of planted acreage. The Federal Law clearly recognizes accidental violations, and Hawai'i's hemp farmers need a law that considers intent as well as offers a process for crop reconditioning and retesting.

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. We must do all that we can to protect these growing businesses and allow them to thrive. We must continue to listen to small farmers and insure that they are able to benefit from this new effort to decriminalize industrial hemp while making decisions on this issue.

For these reasons, I urge you to support SB 1353 SD3 and amend this bill to be equal to legalization under the Federal Law.

Sincerely,
Jun Shin
1561 Kanunu St Apt 2106 Honolulu, HI 96814-3210

AGRtestimony

From: ksorr8@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Katherine Orr <ksorr8@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 2:46 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am

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

AGRtestimony

From: kauai.trainer@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kaulani Trainer
<kauai.trainer@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 10:28 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 SB 1353 SD3 and amend this bill to be equal to legalization under the Federal Law.

Sincerely,
Kaulani Trainer
433 Kaumana Dr Hilo, HI 96720-1939

AGRtestimony

From: kstover@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ken Stover
<kstover@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 9:11 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 SB 1353 SD3 and amend this bill to be equal to legalization under the Federal Law.

Sincerely,
Ken Stover
PO Box 160 Kihei, HI 96753-0160

AGRtestimony

From: kdharada11@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kim Harada <kdharada11@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 2:35 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 SB 1353 SD3 and amend this bill to be equal to legalization under the Federal Law.

Sincerely,
Kim Harada
2921 Varsity Cir Honolulu, HI 96826-1735

AGRtestimony

From: kristo.phosphene@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kristopher Mallory
<kristo.phosphene@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 3:17 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am

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Sincerely,
Kristopher Mallory
2921 Varsity Cir Honolulu, HI 96826-1735

AGRtestimony

From: gesfarmit@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kuikeokalani Kamakea-Ohelo
<gesfarmit@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 6:55 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 SB 1353 SD3 and amend this bill to be equal to legalization under the Federal Law.

Sincerely,
Kuikeokalani Kamakea-Ohelo
41 -272 Huli St Waimanalo, HI 96795-1723

AGRtestimony

From: lauraramirez87@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Laura Ramirez <lauraramirez87@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 6:12 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am

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Sincerely,
Laura Ramirez
4510 Kawaihau Rd Kapaa, HI 96746-1922

AGRtestimony

From: lisaparker@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of lisa Parker
<lisaparker@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 8:40 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 SB 1353 SD3 and amend this bill to be equal to legalization under the Federal Law.

Sincerely,
lisa Parker
5956 Lokelani Rd Kapaa, HI 96746-9714

AGRtestimony

From: lurline94510@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lurline Bettencourt <lurline94510@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 6:13 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am

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

AGRtestimony

From: misotov@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Maria Isotov
<misotov@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 2:38 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am

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Sincerely,
Maria Isotov
71 Makawao Ave Apt 7 Makawao, HI 96768-8899

AGRtestimony

From: mmaitino@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Maria Maitino
<mmaitino@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 7:34 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am

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Sincerely,
Maria Maitino
7561 Koolau Rd Kilauea, HI 96754-5579

AGRtestimony

From: maria.makaleha@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Maria Walker
<maria.makaleha@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 9:21 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 SB 1353 SD3 and amend this bill to be equal to legalization under the Federal Law.

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

AGRtestimony

From: m2@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Marilyn Mick <m2@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 4:41 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am

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

AGRtestimony

From: bob-marion@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Marion McHenry <bob-marion@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 8:08 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 SB 1353 SD3 and amend this bill to be equal to legalization under the Federal Law.

Sincerely,
Marion McHenry
3609 Kaweonui Rd Princeville, HI 96722-5312

AGRtestimony

From: backstop7@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mark Holland <backstop7@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 9:11 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 SB 1353 SD3 and amend this bill to be equal to legalization under the Federal Law.

Sincerely,
Mark Holland
2430 S Kihei Rd Kihei, HI 96753-8630

AGRtestimony

From: mkelley323@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mary Lu Kelley <mkelley323@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 8:12 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am

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Dear Hawai'i State House Agriculture Committee,

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For these reasons, I urge you to support SB 1353 SD3 and amend this bill to be equal to legalization under the Federal Law.

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

AGRtestimony

From: maryh1955@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mary Hackney <maryh1955@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 2:54 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 SB 1353 SD3 and amend this bill to be equal to legalization under the Federal Law.

Sincerely,
Mary Hackney
1185 Mokuhano St Honolulu, HI 96825-2841

AGRtestimony

From: miryeha@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Miryeha Cedar
<miryeha@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 5:06 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 SB 1353 SD3 and amend this bill to be equal to legalization under the Federal Law.

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

AGRtestimony

From: nicolehgonzales@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Nicole Gonzales
<nicolehgonzales@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 1:54 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 SB 1353 SD3 and amend this bill to be equal to legalization under the Federal Law.

Sincerely,
Nicole Gonzales
81 -6645 Mamalahoa Hwy # D Kealahou, HI 96750-8190

AGRtestimony

From: okoapottery@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Olivia Ling
<okoapottery@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 4:00 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am

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Dear Hawai'i State House Agriculture Committee,

I am writing in support of cannabis legalization, with amendments, in order to bring the state law on hemp and medicinal cannabis legalization to Hawaii regardless of the federal law. Updated hemp and cannabis legislation is critical to all of Hawai'i's farmers who wish to reap the economic and **Individual** environmental and most important, the medicinal benefits of hemp and cannabis farming, including soil remediation and decreasing pesticide use.

Lets get it right and make medicinal cannabis, not just hemp legal.

I would like to see the whole plant as medicine legalized, which means removing cannabis as a schedule one drug. It is an important medicinal plant that does not have to be used as just recreational.

Farmers and gardeners need a fair, affordable and transparent licensing process, and access to all legal hemp and CBD cannabis varietals. They want legislation that supports an increase in the allocation of licenses and an expansion of planted acreage. The Federal law should not be able to stop the people from having alternatives to pharmaceuticals.

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. 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 legalization of cannabis and hemp for medicinal use and amend this bill to be legal in Hawaii regardless of the Federal Law.

Sincerely,
Olivia Ling
PO Box 505 Naalehu, HI 96772-0505

AGRtestimony

From: patriciablair@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Patricia Blair
<patriciablair@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 2:59 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 SB 1353 SD3 and amend this bill to be equal to legalization under the Federal Law.

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

AGRtestimony

From: patriciazani@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Patricia Zani
<patriciazani@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 7:14 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am

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Dear Hawai'i State House Agriculture Committee,

Hawai'i and her AG land should be an example for sustainable crops and practices, not just for poison seed farms. I am writing in support of SB 1353 SD3, with amendments, in order to bring the state law on hemp legalization to equal the federal law. Updated hemp 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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Sincerely,
Patricia Zani
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AGRtestimony

From: alohaphap@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Paula Cohen
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Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 2:57 PM
To: AGRtestimony
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Sincerely,
Paula Cohen
3854 Ahonui Pl Princeville, HI 96722-5530

AGRtestimony

From: paula33@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Paula Alceseba <paula33@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 6:34 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In support of HB 131; Wednesday, Feb 6, 8:30 am

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Dear Hawai'i State House Agriculture Committee,

I am a student of Sustainability on Maui and I am writing in support of SB 1353 SD3, with amendments, in order to bring the state law on hemp legalization to equal the federal law. Updated hemp 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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Sincerely,
Paula Alceseba
50 Vevau St Kahului, HI 96732-1659

AGRtestimony

From: randy@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Randy Horne
<randy@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 2:49 PM
To: AGRtestimony
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Sincerely,
Randy Horne
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AGRtestimony

From: drrobertabell@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Robert Abell
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Sincerely,
Robert Abell
PO Box 1168 Kilauea, HI 96754-1168

AGRtestimony

From: roberthpahia01@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Robert H Pahia <roberthpahia01@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
Robert H Pahia
111 Pueo Dr Kula, HI 96790-7246

AGRtestimony

From: rfsold@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Robyn Filippo
<rfsold@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 4:20 PM
To: AGRtestimony
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Sincerely,
Robyn Filippo
145 Lohena Ln Kahului, HI 96732-3635

AGRtestimony

From: papalolo808@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ronald Foreman <papalolo808@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 7:16 AM
To: AGRtestimony
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I am a farmer and I do not understand why I can't grow this crop and why there are so many secretive loops to pay
Please allow me to grow hemp

Mahalo

Sincerely,
Ronald Foreman
32 -150 PIHA KAHUKU Rd Ninole, HI 96773

AGRtestimony

From: haysamsongs@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sheryl Samuel
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Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 4:45 PM
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Sincerely,
Sheryl Samuel
47 -4562 Honokaa Waipio Rd Honokaa, HI 96727-7100

AGRtestimony

From: lsieraknight@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sierra Knight
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Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 11:00 PM
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Sincerely,
Sierra Knight
95 Kulalani Cir Kula, HI 96790-8213

AGRtestimony

From: doubleohdreadlocks@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Thomas Davey
<doubleohdreadlocks@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 5:33 PM
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Sincerely,
Thomas Davey
4915 Hauaala Rd Kapaa, HI 96746-1907

AGRtestimony

From: sacred.flower productions@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Toi Norwood
<sacred.flower productions@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 7:36 AM
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Sincerely,
Toi Norwood
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AGRtestimony

From: tangel8282@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of tony angelini <tangel8282@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 3:27 PM
To: AGRtestimony
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Sincerely,
tony angelini
PO Box 1041 Hana, HI 96713-1041

AGRtestimony

From: valerieweiss31@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Valerie Weiss <valerieweiss31@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 5:24 PM
To: AGRtestimony
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Sincerely,
Valerie Weiss
6616 Alahele St Kapaa, HI 96746-9426

SB-1353-SD-3

Submitted on: 3/12/2019 7:35:18 AM

Testimony for AGR on 3/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
james	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

In my family history in relation to hemp, as a culinary herb.

we use for consumption like fresh produce in soups, pesto, tea, and juices.

hemp has come very far, and shouldn't be limited to farmers on agricultural commercial, but have opportunity for all. By limiting the opportunity for this plant to help bring affordability and consumers right to grow. Many new economic growth may help boost or entrepreneurial local businesses to thrive. We need someone in hemp position to advocate the promotion and education on this hemp future. Not held up by corporations to control this plant to thrive in opportunity like growing corn, basil, and awa.

To all Honorable Hawai'i State House Agriculture Committee Members,

I am writing in support of SB 1353 SD3, with amendments, in order to bring the state law on hemp legalization in accord with federal law. Updated hemp legislation is critical to all of Hawai'i. Cultivation of this crop will help Hawai'i become more sustainable and create many jobs in industries associated with growing and processing the crop.

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Sincerely,

Terry Huth
2366 Puu Mala Pl
Kihei, HI 96753

SB-1353-SD-3

Submitted on: 3/11/2019 6:20:46 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Susan Vickery	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-1353-SD-3

Submitted on: 3/11/2019 7:07:27 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Please support this bill to decriminize industrial hemp. This could be a very lucartive business for residents and businessses in the state. Please do the right thing.

SB-1353-SD-3

Submitted on: 3/11/2019 8:37:40 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dwamato	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-1353-SD-3

Submitted on: 3/11/2019 11:01:31 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly support this bill!

SB-1353-SD-3

Submitted on: 3/11/2019 11:04:18 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha Committee Chair, Co-Chair and Committee Members,

Please support SB1353 to allow farmers to grow, transport and market the type of cannabis sativa known as HEMP. Hemp was made legal on a Federal scale when it was removed from the Controlled Substances Act in December of 2018. The people of Hawaii could benefit greatly if Hemp could be regulated like any other agriculture crop (with a little bit more testing to ensure that THC levels are 0.3% or less).

All parts of this plant are useful for industrial or research purposes. Hemp can clean up contaminated soil that was created by previous monocropping industries. Hemp seeds are valuable nutritionally for both humans and other animals. The fibers are useful for clothing and textiles. CBD can be extracted and made into topical or ingestible products.

Please allow transparency when licenses are issued. Please be generous and allow many types of cultivars (seeds) to be grown to help determine which types will do best in Hawaii's climate.

Please avoid harsh penalties for growers whose crops test above 0.3%, allowing them to retest before any crops are subject to destruction. The penalties should NOT include suspension or revocation of licenses as violations are largely accidental.

The return of Hemp to Hawaii as an exportable crop could help support small business and local farmers. Please support SB1353. Mahalo,

Wendy Gibson RN

SB-1353-SD-3

Submitted on: 3/12/2019 12:00:29 AM

Testimony for AGR on 3/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

From: John Calvert <jcalvert@crystal3.com>

Subject: SUPPORT for HB 1353 SD3, with amendments

Aloha Members of the Committee:

My name is John Calvert and I'm a small farmer in lower Puna district, Big Island.

I'm interested in growing hemp and have some comments and concerns regarding HB 1353 and other hemp legislation in the 2019 session.

My concern is that none of the legislation, or present rules in the existing hemp pilot program, make much of a distinction between "industrial hemp" and "CBD hemp." Industrial hemp is typically and historically the term used for seed and fiber varieties. These are plants that can be 15 ft. tall. CBD hemp, on the other hand, is a relatively new arrival on the cannabis scene, and the plants are much smaller and similar to marijuana plants, with resin-laden flowers.

Although CBD hemp technically falls into the same category as industrial hemp, there are important distinctions to be made between these two types of cannabis, which actually affect how it is grown, what kind of crop size make sense, and concerns about acquisition and approval of hemp genetics (seeds or clones).

In essence, these should be considered two different crops, and regulations should make a distinction where necessary, so as to best support the growing of either of these crops.

A third crop type exists, and that is large-scale CBD hemp, grown by the acre. In this kind of crop, as with big seed and fiber crops, farming machinery is used to harvest whole plants, and then other machinery is used to extract CBD from the harvested material. A byproduct of this process is hemp fiber.

To give you one example of the distinction between industrial hemp and CBD hemp: if you tell the average person on the Big Island that you are interested in growing hemp, a typical response will be that it's not a great idea because the pollen will contaminate other local cannabis crops, for example medical marijuana. This is actually true in the case of seed and fiber varieties of hemp that include male plants in the crop; however, it is not true for a small-scale CBD hemp crop, because the goal of growing the crop is to harvest the flowers, and nobody wants seeds in their flowers.

As a small farmer, my intention is not to grow acres of industrial hemp. My intention is to grow a relatively much smaller number of high-CBD hemp plants, far less than one acre. This kind of crop size makes perfect sense, because of the current high market value of CBD oil.

Speaking on behalf of Hawaii's small farmers, PLEASE be sure that the new legislation

allows hemp farming to be affordable for all farmers, not just the wealthy.

Licensing Cost

The current cost of the Hawaii hemp license application is \$500 non-refundable. The cost of the license itself is \$250. Since the hemp grower must pay for all inspections and testing of the crop, seed costs, and other expenses related to conforming to the HDOA rules and regulations, I feel the application cost is too high. Further, the grower is taking the full risk that the crop will conform to strict THC requirements.

Whereas \$750 may not be a significant amount of money to a large-scale hemp farmer who is planning to cultivate 10 acres, that amount of money could very well be restrictive to a small farmer who wants to grow a lucrative CBD hemp crop of less than, for example, 100 plants. I think it is very important that Hawaii adopts rules that allow everyone who wants to grow hemp an equal chance. CBD hemp has the potential to be a very valuable new crop for Hawaii's struggling small farmers.

Approved Cultivars

Whereas seed and fiber varieties typically do not have THC levels over .3% by dry weight, many very good CBD varieties can sometimes test over the .3% limit, often only very slightly over, and depending on when they are harvested. Typically what is seen is that the higher the CBD content, the more likely the strain will exceed the THC limit if allowed to grow to full maturity. To address this, other states allow their farmers to harvest these types of strains early, so as not to exceed the THC limit. This is a VERY important concept for Hawaii hemp legislation - Please include this clause in Hawaii legislation.

I disagree with the chairperson being the sole arbiter of which hemp strains that the HDOA will allow farmers to grow. Since the farmer is taking the full risk of THC compliance, it should fall on the farmer's shoulders to select the right strains, and there is already enough incentive to do so.

If the chairperson is assigned to be the arbiter of which strains are allowed, then this opens up the possibility of error on the part of the chairperson - i.e. mistakenly approving a strain which actually does not conform to THC requirements - and it opens up the possibility of conflict of interest, because one licensee may be approved for a strain while another licensee is not. This is because the final decision would lie in the hands of the chairperson. This opens the possibility that licensees will not be treated equally, which is not fair and should not be allowed.

Another example of inequality would be if the chairperson favored large-scale hemp production, and therefor would only allow approval of genetics from vendors who set large minimum orders on their seed, which could cost \$1000 to \$5000. This would be unworkable and restrictive to a small farmer who wants to grow a small CBD hemp crop, for example, 100 plants.

I do agree that the chairperson should maintain a list of those cultivars that may go over the THC limit, as a warning to farmers that these cultivars are too risky to plant, or are actually prohibited by the HDOA. This is how Kentucky deals with their cultivars – they provide information to the farmer, to help the farmer.

CBD Production and Sales

The most important piece of new legislation, in my mind, is to make the production and sale of CBD oil completely legal in Hawaii. **This means that the THC in hemp needs to be removed from the Hawaii Controlled Substances list.** So far, HB 131 is the only active legislation that specifically removes the THC in hemp from the Controlled Substances list. Please be aware that CBD as a "drug" is not the same as CBD oil derived from natural extraction of cannabinoids from hemp flowers, as would be done by farmers in Hawaii. The latter is called "full spectrum" CBD oil, and it has been found to have higher therapeutic value than purified CBD isolate (i.e. drug-form or pharmaceutical CBD).

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Lastly, please change the definition of "marijuana" in the Hawaii statutes to mean cannabis that has a THC content of more than .3% by dry weight. Currently, the definition of "marijuana" is simply "cannabis" with no mention of THC content.

Thank you for your consideration,

Mahalo,

John Calvert

small farmer, lower Puna district, Big Island



**SB-1353-SD-3**

Submitted on: 3/12/2019 8:08:50 AM

Testimony for AGR on 3/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Mary Lacques        | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the House Committee on Agriculture,

I am writing is strong support of SB 1353 SD3, which would allow farmers in Hawai'i to grow and market hemp products and most importantly, help Hawai'i's agricultural sector diversify its economy.

This opportunity to introduce new agricultural commerce in the islands will not only provide jobs, but could provide the much needed remediation of our toxic, contaminated soils. Hemp can extract considerable amounts of heavy metals, including lead, nickel, zinc, chromium, and cadmium.

Since the 81-year prohibition on industrial hemp has been lifted by the federal government and the 2018 Farm Bill is intended to give industrial hemp farmers in the United States an "equal right" to grow the hemp economy, your passage of SB 1353 SD3 will align the state of Hawai'i with prevailing national standards.

Mahalo for your consideration. I urge you to support SB 1353 SD3.

**SB-1353-SD-3**

Submitted on: 3/12/2019 9:43:08 AM

Testimony for AGR on 3/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
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| Donovan             | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

Aloha My name is Donovan Kanani Cabebe,

I am advocating for a bill that is equal to the Federal legalization. After decades of senseless prohibition, I don't see any reason to hold back the possibilities this crop has to offer Hawaii's farmers.

I am recommending that the licensing process be open and transparent and that denied licensees have a process for appeal. I am also asking that all certified varieties that meet the legal definition of hemp be made available and that the raw unprocessed flower be unrestricted to match the federal law. In addition, I am asking for language that acknowledges that violations are accidental, and for the flexibility for farmers to be able to recondition and retest their crops in the case of an accidental violation.

Kind regards,

Donovan Cabebe

**SB-1353-SD-3**

Submitted on: 3/12/2019 12:05:30 PM

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| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
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| Peggy McArdle       | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

I fully support SB1353 SD3. Year round Hemp production in Hawaii is not only sustainable, but also revitalizes the soil from years of toxic pesticide applications from industrial farming. Mahalo.

## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** rani ribucan <raniribucan@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2019 8:36 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** SB1353

I know a lot of people who are medical marijuana patients. Medical marijuana is a very important medicine. It helps to ease a lot of suffering. I ingest it regularly to calm my back spasms.

If hemp is grown freely here, medicinal marijuana will not be the same. The hemp plant will cause damage to the cannabis plants on the island, in the state!! Please do testing before looking towards hemp farming!!!