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**TESTIMONY OF PHYLLIS SHIMABUKURO-GEISER  
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**BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

**MARCH 29, 2019  
2:00 P.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM 308**

**SENATE BILL NO. 1351 SD1 HD1  
RELATING TO HEMP**

Chairperson Luke and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill 1351 SD1 HD1, 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 matter.



**SB-1351-HD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Brian Miyamoto	Hawaii Farm Bureau	Support	Yes

Comments: