

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2599

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 18 2022

RE: S.B. No. 2973
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred S.B. No. 2973 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEMP PRODUCTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to extend regulatory authority of the Department of Agriculture over hemp production until June 30, 2024.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health, Department of Agriculture, South Maui Gardens, Hawai'i Farm Bureau, and two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Hawai'i Farmers Union United and three individuals.

Your Committee finds that Act 14, Session Laws of Hawaii 2020, will repeal in June 2022. A repeal of that Act will eliminate the Department of Agriculture and Department of Health regulatory authority to allow legalized cultivation and processing of hemp. This measure extends Act 14 to 2024, thereby ensuring continued regulatory authority for the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting an effective date of January 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture and Environment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2973, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2973, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Agriculture and
Environment,




MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-First Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Agriculture and Environment
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 2973	AEN, JDC	02/07/22		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)	/			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)	/			
ACASIO, Laura	/			
RHOADS, Karl	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
TOTAL	5			
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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