Honolulu, Hawaii **Ebruay 28**, 2013

RE: H.B. No. 154 H.D. 2

Honorable Joseph M. Souki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Seventh State Legislature Regular Session of 2013 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 154, H.D. 2, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture to establish and fund a two-year industrial hemp remediation and biofuel crop pilot program to determine whether growing industrial hemp is an effective soil rejuvenation method and whether it can be used as a viable biofuel feedstock.

Vote Hemp and several concerned individuals testified in support of this measure. The Honolulu Police Department testified in opposition to this measure. The Department of Public Safety; Pacific Biodiesel Technologies; International Longshore and Warehouse Union, Local 142; and a concerned individual offered comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 154, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Finance,

SYLVIA LUKE, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-seventh Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:	Date:	<u>-</u>
HB154 HD2	AGR, CPC, FIN	02/25/13	
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.			
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold			
Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)			
FIN Members	Ayes Ayes	(WR) Nays	Excused
1. LUKE, Sylvia (C)			
2. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. (VC)			
3. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling (VC)			
4. CULLEN, Ty J.K.			
5. HASHEM, Mark J.			
6. ING, Kaniela			
7. JORDAN, Jo			_
8. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand			
9. LOWEN, Nicole E.			
10. MORIKAWA, Dee			
11. ONISHI, Richard H.K.			
12. TAKAYAMA, Gregg		·	
13. TOKIOKA, James Kunane			
14. WOODSON, Justin H.			
15. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.			
16. FUKUMOTO, Beth			
17. WARD, Gene			
TOTAL (17)	17		
The recommendation is: Adopted Not Adopted			
If joint referral, did not support recommendation.			
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:			
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