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The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair and Members Committee on Finance House of Representatives Hawaii State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Luke and Members:

Subject: House Bill No. 154, H.D. 2, Relating to Industrial Hemp

I am Jerry Inouye, Major of the Narcotics/Vice Division of the Honolulu Police Department, City and County of Honolulu.

The Honolulu Police Department opposes House Bill No. 154, H.D. 2, Relating to Industrial Hemp, which seeks to authorize the Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture to establish an industrial hemp remediation pilot program.

The Industrial Hemp Remediation Program will involve the use of the cannabis sativa L plant. The cannabis sativa, or marijuana, contains delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), classified as a Schedule I controlled substance under the Controlled Substances Act of 1970.

Although the bill proposes the use of industrial hemp as a phytoremediator, there are other plants that can be used for that purpose.

The Honolulu Police Department strongly urges you to oppose House Bill No. 154, H.D. 2, Relating to Industrial Hemp.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

APPROVED:

LOUIS M. KEALOHA Chief of Police

Sincerely,

JERRY INOUYE, Major Narcotics/Vice Division

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