

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 03 2016

RE: S.B. No. 2659  
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2016  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Judiciary and Labor and Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2659, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish an industrial hemp pilot program to allow the cultivation of industrial hemp and distribution of its seed in Hawaii through limited activities by the Board of Agriculture for purposes of agricultural or academic research;
- (2) Exempt the possession, cultivation, sale, receipt, or transfer of industrial hemp for the purposes of agricultural or academic research from constituting an offense under part IV of chapter 712, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and
- (3) Appropriate funds for Department of Agriculture staff to assist in registration of industrial hemp licensees.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Aha Moku Advisory Committee; Drug Policy Forum of Hawaii; Hawai'i Center for Food Safety; Hawaii Farm Bureau; Hawaii Farmers Union United; Maui Coffee Association; Maui Venture Consulting, LLC; International Longshore and Warehouse Union, Local 142; and sixty-seven individuals. Your



Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committees find that industrial hemp is well suited to Hawaii's climate and soil and can grow to over ten feet in a short period of time with little water and no pesticides. According to estimates by the Hemp Industries Association, retail sales of industrial hemp products grew to over \$620,000,000 annually in 2014. Industrial hemp has over 25,000 uses, including food, fiber, and fuel products, and has high potential to contribute to the future viability of the State's agricultural industry. This measure will allow Hawaii to acquire a potentially lucrative and sustainable economic driver in addition to tourism.

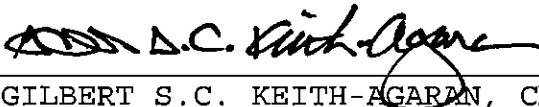
Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the appropriation amount to the Department of Agriculture for the hiring of staff;
- (2) Inserting a sunset date of July 1, 2021;
- (3) Inserting an effective date of January 7, 2059, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Judiciary and Labor and Ways and Means that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2659, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2659, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Judiciary and  
Labor and Ways and Means,

  
JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair

  
GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN, Chair



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**JDL**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 2659 SD1</b>	Committee Referral: <b>WLA, JDL/WAM</b>	Date: <b>2/24/16</b>		
<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
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (C)	/			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L. (VC)	/			
GABBARD, Mike	/			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
THIELEN, Laura H.	/			
SLOM, Sam	/			
<b>TOTAL</b>	7			
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted				
<input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
<b>Distribution:</b>				
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**WAM**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 2659, SD1</b>	Committee Referral: <b>WLA, SDL/WAM</b>	Date: <b>7/24/14</b>		
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<b>Members</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Aye (WR)</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Excused</b>
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	/			
HARIMOTO, Breene				/
INOUE, Lorraine R.	/			
RIVIERE, Gil	/			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	/			
WAKAI, Glenn	/			
SLOM, Sam	/			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10</b>			<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted           <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted         </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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