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**TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT  
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**BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR AND WAYS  
AND MEANS**

April 8, 2015  
9:55 A.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM 211

**HOUSE BILL NO. 508 HD 1 SD 1  
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE**

Chairpersons Keith-Agaran and Tokuda and Members of the Committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 508, HD 1 Proposed SD 1. The bill has 2 parts. Part I proposes to establish a grant program for qualified feed developers within the Livestock Revitalization Program and Part II authorizes the growing of industrial hemp for certain purposes under specified conditions. The department supports this bill provided it does not adversely impact the priorities in the Administration's budget and has some proposed amendments for Part II.

In regards to Part I of the bill, the Department has initiated a feed development process to identify, assess, and validate available local feed ingredients. The goal of the department is to reduce the cost of production for our local livestock and aquaculture industries through lowering the cost of feed. A portion of the appropriation will allow the department to continue with the feed development identification, assessment and validation process.

In regards to Part II of the bill the Department supports the intent of this part of the bill and would ask for the resources to properly implement the program.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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**HB508**

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Testimony for JDL/WAM on Apr 8, 2015 09:55AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Scott Foster	Hawaii Advocates For Consumer Rights	Support	No

Comments: Hemp in Hawai'i would serve several purposes: - A profitable crop that would create an entire new industry (jobs) in Hawaii - Help cleanse the ag land so badly polluted by many years of heavy chemical use for cand and pineapple..

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

TESTIMONY ON HB 508 HD 1 SD 1  
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Room 211  
9:55 AM

Aloha Chair Keith-Agaran, Chair Tokuda, and Members of the Committees:

I am Christopher Manfredi, President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,932 farm family members statewide, and serves as Hawaii's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic and educational interest of our diverse agricultural community.

**HFB is in strong support of HB 508 HD 1 SD 1**, which provides funds to allow qualified beef cattle, dairy, hog, poultry, goat, sheep, fish, and crustacean farms to apply for funds for their farms' feed expenses. It also establishes a program to provide grants for livestock feed developers. This measure also authorizes the growing of industrial hemp for certain purposes under specified conditions, and provides funding for DOA staff to register industrial hemp growing and seed testing.

Hawaii's livestock industry faces numerous challenges. One of their biggest challenges is the rising cost of feed for livestock production. These costs have been a contributing factor to the decline of the state's livestock industry.

In 2007, there were 5 dairies and 6 egg farms in Hawaii. Since then, 3 of those dairies and 4 of those egg farms have gone out of business. The remaining egg farms and another dairy are currently threatened with closure, due to rising production costs, primarily the cost of feed.

HB 508 will help keep fresh, locally produced milk, eggs, beef, pork, poultry, sheep, lamb, fish and crustaceans available to the residents of Hawaii and will help to revitalize our dwindling livestock industry. A decrease or absence of livestock production increases the State's reliance on the importation of food and threatens the State's food security.

Hawaii Farm Bureau also supports Part 2 of this measure which provides for the cultivation and commercialization of industrial hemp.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.



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April 7, 2015

The Honorable Gilbert Agaran  
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## Letter of support for HB 508 SD1

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Aloha Chairman Kieth-Agaran, Vice Chair Shimabukuro and esteemed Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee members,

HFUU is **in strong support of HB 508 SD1**

**Farmers should not have to wait years for permission to grow hemp.**

Under current US law, hemp is legal to grow for research purposes. It has some 25,000 plus known uses, and will create jobs. There is much research to do, and farmers need to start doing it, and the sooner the better if you please.

Our producers will have a multi-year hybridization process to go through to develop viable hemp seeds for our various micro-climates across the state. Waiting more years is not going to be helpful, as there are a number of US states and many countries around the world growing hemp for industrial purposes. The US competition for hemp production is on, and Hawaii's farmers have not even approached the starting line.

Hemp is a good animal feed. Poultry farmers will benefit from this crop. Hemp seeds are a large part of commercially available bird seed. Hemp is good for revitalizing the soils as well, so crop diversity and soil health will be positively impacted if this proposed legislation passes.

It is with great pleasure that we look to a future in which farmers are able to utilize this valuable crop to augment their practices.

Me ka ha'aha'a,

Simon Russell  
HAWAII FARMERS UNION UNITED  
Legislative Committee Chairman

*The Hawaii Farmers Union and its Chapters is a nonprofit corporation formed under Hawaii law. It advocates for the sovereign right of farmers to create and sustain vibrant and prosperous agricultural communities for the benefit of all Hawaii through cooperation, education and legislation.*

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kellen Smith	Hawaiian Affairs Committee of the Wai'anae Neighborhood Board	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Judiciary and Labor and Ways and Means Committees, I am a strong supporter of the livestock revitalization program. Industrial hemp is an incredible plant with many uses. It is a nitrogen fixer and bioremediator for the soil. The seed is also a superfood, and would make excellent feed for livestock. Please pass this bill. Kellen Smith Chair of the Hawaiian Affairs Committee for the Wai'anae Neighborhood Board.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dr. Jana Bogs	Beyond Organic Consulting, Inc.	Support	No

Comments: Hemp can be a profitable crop to help support our farmers. The products are extremely useful and/or nutritious.

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April 2, 2015

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair  
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair  
Senator Ronald D. Kouchi, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

**Testimony in Support of Part I of HB 508, HD1, SD1 (Establishes Within the Livestock Revitalization Program, a Grant Program for Qualified Producers of Certain Products and Feed Developers; Authorizes the Growing of Industrial Hemp for Certain Purposes Under Specified Conditions.)**

**Wednesday, April 8, 2015, 9:55 a.m., in Conference Room 211**

The Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii (LURF) is a private, non-profit research and trade association whose members include major Hawaii landowners, developers and a utility company. One of LURF's missions is to advocate for reasonable, rational and equitable land use planning, legislation and regulations that encourage well-planned economic growth and development, while safeguarding Hawaii's significant natural and cultural resources and public health and safety.

LURF appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony **in support of Part I of HB 508, HD1, SD1**, and to offer comments.

**HB 508, HD1, SD1.** As an advocate for the various agricultural stakeholder groups who defend the goals of viable agricultural operations and the conservation and protection of agriculture, including important agricultural lands in Hawaii, LURF supports Part I of this measure which seeks to help revitalize the State's livestock industries by establishing, within the livestock revitalization program, a program to provide grants to qualified producers of certain products and feed developers. Part I of the bill appropriates funds for the developer grant program, reimbursements to qualified producers and feed developers for feed cost, assistance to feed developers in the planning and construction of feed mills, and a survey of local feed ingredient sources.

**LURF's Position.** LURF members include private property owners, farmers and ranchers who own, maintain, and engage in agricultural enterprises, and who consider such measures critical to the conduct of their operations and to help sustain their businesses. These land owners and agricultural stakeholders believe HB 508, HD1, SD1, and the ensuing establishment of such a grant program, together with proposed appropriations, will greatly assist with feed costs which have been a contributing factor to the decline of the State's livestock industry.

As these Committees may already be aware, Hawaii's livestock industry faces numerous challenges, one if not the greatest being the unsustainable availability and cost of feed for livestock production. Most local dairies and egg and poultry farms have already gone out of business or are currently threatened with closure due to rising production (mainly feed) costs. This measure will assist in continuing to make locally produced milk, eggs, beef, pork, poultry and other products available to Hawaii residents, and will help revitalize the State's declining livestock industry.

Decreased or limited livestock production increases the State's reliance on the importation of food and threatens the State's food security. As potential issues relating to public health, and food safety and security continue to be a significant concern, LURF and its members appreciate this measure being taken to assist agricultural stakeholders.

For the reasons stated above, LURF is **in support of Part I of HB 508, HD1, SD1**, and respectfully urges your favorable consideration of the provisions in said part of this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony regarding this measure.





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COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR  
COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS  
Wednesday, April 8, 2015, 9:55 a.m., Conference Room 211

HB508 HD1, SD1, RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

#### TESTIMONY

Nancy Davlantes, Legislative Committee, League of Women Voters of Hawaii

Chairs Keith-Agaran and Tokuda, Vice-Chairs Shimabukuro and Kouchi, and Committee Members:

**The League of Women Voters of Hawaii opposes HB508 HD1 SD1 on the basis of process problems.** The original bill establishes within the Livestock Revitalization Program a grant program for qualified feed developers and appropriates funds for the Feed Developer Grant Program, reimbursements to Qualified Producers for feed cost, and a survey of local feed ingredient sources. The Proposed SD1 added an entirely new section having to do with industrial hemp. Both subjects worthy of consideration? Yes, definitely.

We note that SB375 also dealt with industrial hemp and crossed over to the House but was faced with referral to three house committees, creating doubts about its survival.

Whatever one's take on the cultivation/production of industrial hemp, with the SD1, the bill's new subject may pass the Legislature without adequate consideration by the House, which originated the bill.

This is not how the legislative process is supposed to work.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

**Testimony in Support of HB508, HD1, SD1**

Hearing: April 8, 2015, 9:55 a.m.

I am pleased to provide the following testimony in support of HB 508 HD1 SD1, relating to Agriculture.

Oceanic Institute of Hawai'i Pacific University (OI) is preparing to commence construction of a Feed Research and Pilot Production Facility in Hilo, Hawaii, a research feed mill designed to produce small, commercial quantities of terrestrial and aquatic animal feeds, using locally available ingredients. Our goal is to develop animal feed formulations using local ingredients so that we do not need to import animal feed into the state. By producing our animal feeds locally, we will reduce feed costs by up to 50% and, we hope, catalyze meat production here in Hawaii. To date, OI has received \$1.7 million in federal funds, administered through the U.S. Department of Agriculture, to construct the facility; federal funding for this facility became available through the generous efforts of the late Senator Daniel Inouye, who recognized the importance of reducing Hawaii's dependency on imported food.

In addition to federal support to construct the mill, we have worked with private partners, as well as the Hawaii Department of Agriculture and Department of Land and Natural Resources, to secure additional construction funds. We are very grateful for their continued support.

However, construction costs in Hawaii have increased significantly over the past several years and the construction bids for our project came in higher than anticipated. While we have worked with our construction engineers to reduce the cost of the project and our financial supporters to secure additional funds, OI currently faces a budget gap to construct the mill.

We are seeking additional financial support of \$750,000 from the State via the feed subsidy bill (HB 508) or through other administrative actions. This additional support will allow us to close our budget deficit and proceed with construction.

If we cannot close our budget deficit, we believe Hawaii will lose an important opportunity to move closer to food self-sufficiency. In addition, research scientists in the state (HPU, University of Hawaii) would lose their chance to bring in federal research dollars to support animal feeds research.

We believe the Feed Research and Pilot Production Facility is a vital investment for the State of Hawaii, allowing our agricultural sector to move us closer to food self-sufficiency and to reinvigorate segments of agricultural production that have suffered in recent years as a result of the high cost of imported feeds. We ask the Committee's support in helping us proceed with our efforts to work with State, federal, and private partners to help the people of Hawaii reduce our dependency on imported food and to increase food security here at home.

Aloha

Shaun M. Moss, Ph.D.

Executive Director

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### **HB508**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kelly King	Pacific Biodiesel Technologies	Support	No

Comments: 21 US states have already passed industrial hemp legislation. Hawaii is in a unique position to grow industrial hemp year round and be on the leading edge of this multi-million dollar industry. 95 people attended the Maui Hemp Workshop in August 2014 the day after Hurricane Iselle! One test site isn't enough for Hawaii to compete with the rest of the country. In order to succeed and create an industry Hawaii farmers and Large Agriculture companies need to be able to grow this crop now! Expanding the growing of industrial hemp to all Hawaii will give farmers the opportunity to grow this crop and develop seed and strains that will boost our economy while helping to clean our soil. Several decades ago the Federal Government took away American citizens' right to grow hemp without just cause. It is now up to state government to restore our right to cultivate this extremely beneficial crop.

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY & LABOR AND WAYS & MEANS  
Wednesday, April 8, 2015 — 9:55 a.m. — Room 211

**Ulupono Initiative Strongly Supports HB 508 HD 1 SD 1 and Comments, Relating to Agriculture**

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Kouchi, and Members of the Committees:

My name is Kyle Datta and I am general partner of the Ulupono Initiative, a Hawai'i-based impact investment firm that strives to improve the quality of life for the people of Hawai'i by working toward solutions that create more locally grown food, increase renewable energy, and reduce/recycle waste. Ulupono invests in projects that have the potential to create large-scale, innovative change.

**Ulupono strongly supports HB 508 HD 1 SD 1**, which provides grants to qualified feed developers via the Department of Agriculture's Livestock Revitalization Program. Feed costs for livestock production in Hawai'i can comprise 70 percent of production cost, and our concern is that we need to keep our livestock producers in business. We anticipate through grass-fed initiatives and feed research, that the agricultural sector will be able to affordably produce its own feed within a few years. We cannot afford to lose our people – our ranchers, aquaculture and poultry farmers. While the industry works to create more homegrown feed, the subsidy is needed to help sustain the industry.

In particular, Ulupono strongly supports funding for the planning and construction of a feed mill (page 3, line 15 to page 3, line 21). Oceanic Institute of Hawai'i Pacific University (OI) has received \$1.7 million in federal funds, administered through the U.S. Department of Agriculture, to construct a Feed Research and Pilot Production Facility in Hilo, Hawai'i. Federal funding for this facility became available through the generous efforts of the late Senator Daniel Inouye who recognized the importance of reducing Hawai'i's dependency on imported food. The proposed research feed mill is designed to produce small, commercial quantities of terrestrial and aquatic animal feeds, using locally available ingredients. The goal is to develop animal feed formulations using local ingredients so that we do not need to import animal feed into the State. By producing our animal feeds locally, we will reduce feed costs, which is the largest operational expenditure for our ranchers, dairy operators, poultry operators, and aquaculture producers, by up to 50% and this, we hope, will catalyze meat production here in Hawai'i.

*Investing in a Sustainable Hawai'i*





In addition to federal support to construct the mill, OI has worked with private partners, as well as the Hawai'i Department of Agriculture and Department of Land and Natural Resources, to secure additional construction funds. Unfortunately, as the construction bids for the mill were received in the past few weeks, OI currently faces a budget gap to construct the mill. Construction costs in Hawaii have increased over the past several years and the construction bids for the project came in high. OI has worked with their construction engineers to reduce the cost of the project through value engineering, but feel they have exhausted all avenues to reduce their budget deficit. This additional support will allow OI to close their budget deficit and proceed with construction. If they cannot close their budget deficit, OI will have to return the \$1.7 million back to USDA and the State will lose out on an opportunity to move closer to food self-sufficiency. In addition, research scientists in the State (HPU, University of Hawai'i) would lose out on the opportunity to bring in federal research dollars to support animal feeds research.

Without this feed mill, our local agricultural industries that rely upon feed are likely to continue to request continued financial support from the Legislature for feed subsidies.

**Ulupono does not take a position on the industrial hemp portion of the bill.**

We believe that working together we can help produce more local food, support an economically strong homegrown agriculture industry, which strengthens our community with fresh, healthy food. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

Kyle Datta  
General Partner

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### **HB508**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Anne Thurston	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The freedom to grow industrial hemp will have enormous benefits for Hawaii's farmers and for our economy. It will help to restore the depleted soil, and it will open all sorts of new business possibilities. I feel that this is one of the best things that could happen to us, and I ask you, most sincerely, to pass this bill.

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**HB508**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Barbara Barry	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha lawmakers, I am writing today to voice my Strong Support for this measure. Allow Hawaii to compete in the hemp industry as a leader. No GE Hemp either! We need to heal not harm! Mahalo for your support, Ms. Barbara Barry

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**HB508**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bonnie Marsh	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support industrial Hemp to help clean up the polluted soil from heavily sprayed monocrops and to usher Hawaii into self-sufficiency and stainability. Mahalo, Dr. Bonnie Marsh

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Briana Hurley	Individual	Support	No

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Chris Mentzel	Individual	Support	No

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**HB508**

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Chris Peterson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I own a small farm on Hawaii island and would welcome the opportunity to grow industrial hemp. I think it would be good for Hawaii.

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Councilmember Don Couch	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David Leake	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Senators, I strongly encourage you to approve this bill in order to launch what could prove to be the new industry of hemp production which will diversify agriculture in Hawaii. As you know, hemp has a great array of uses but was suppressed to begin with by the plastics industry. This anti-hemp stance has been unfairly maintained because lobbyists have associated it with marijuana. Although this bill is very timid and barely provides the needed impetus for this potentially very important crop, it is better than nothing and deserves to be passed unanimously.

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### **HB508**

Submitted on: 4/6/2015

Testimony for JDL/WAM on Apr 8, 2015 09:55AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Debra Adams	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please pass HB508. Farmer's need all the help they can get and industrial hemp could be a boon to agricultural economics. End the prohibition on the cultivation and sale of industrial hemp. Mahalo.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Denise Key	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support HB508 SD1 This bill will give an opportunity for farmers to receive the much needed financial support in developing an island livestock feed; as well as farming/developing an industrial hemp variety that grows in Hawaii. This will open up many avenues of possible income for our farmers while reducing the current 70% dependency on imports.

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**HB508**

Submitted on: 4/7/2015

Testimony for JDL/WAM on Apr 8, 2015 09:55AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
dianne winter	Individual	Support	No

Comments: REGARDING: HB 508 SD1, allowing for Industrial Hemp production by farmers in Hawaii Please allow for the issuance of hemp seed grow permits to farmers for research purposes. Please support this and move the Cottage food Industry Bill out of your committee

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### **HB508**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Eloise Engman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass this important bill, which will help farmers to renew our soils and create a new clean green industry in Hawaii!

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**HB508**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mr Gary Passon	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please support this bill. It'll create opportunities for our farmers and will create new products and markets for our economy. Mahalo, Gary

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gylian Solay	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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**HB508**

Submitted on: 4/7/2015

Testimony for JDL/WAM on Apr 8, 2015 09:55AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Harriet Witt	Individual	Support	No

Comments: If we want to reduce our unhealthy dependency on mainland imports and diversify our economy, we need this bill. I urge your support for it. Mahalo, Harriet Witt

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*I strongly support SB375 .*

*21 US states have already passed industrial hemp legislation. Hawaii is in a unique position to grow industrial hemp year round. There are over 25,000 products that can be made from industrial hemp. Please give our farmers the opportunity to grow seed for the rest of the US and develop a local industry for other hemp products that will create jobs, increase state tax revenues, reduce our dependency on import and help to clean our soil from years of toxins! Plus hemp is a great organic grown crop to replace unused sugarcane lands that is good for our Aina. One test site isn't enough. Invest in Hawaii's future by passing SB375 and let Hawaii farmers grow industrial hemp.*

*Respectfully yours,*

Ms. I AM

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**HB508**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jacqueline S. Ambrose	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
JAMES GETz	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: good bill

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**HB508**

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James Yunker	Individual	Support	No

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**HB508**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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**HB508**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joan Heartfield PhD	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass this measure so the farmers can grow this important crop. It has many uses. Maybe it can even replace sugar cane so they won't have to burn and pollute Maui. Thank you!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Gelert	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Industrial hemp produces organic fibers for fabrics, organic seeds high in Omega 3 fat for food, seeds for oil for various uses, and insulated building materials. And it remediates soil that was damaged by pesticides.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John NAYLOR	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Industrial Hemp uses less water and chemicals and have a multitude of uses. Further more it is the last place someone with any brains would try to hide a pot crop because the pot crop would be weakened by the industrial hemp crop.... It is time for this sustainable crop to be approved for Hawaii!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joseph A. Bobich	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support this measure. Joseph A. Bobich, Ph. D. Professor of Chemistry, Emeritus

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joseph Kohn MD	Individual	Support	No

Comments: [www.WeAreOne.cc](http://www.WeAreOne.cc)

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**HB508**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joy Nelson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please move this important bill to the floor for a vote.

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**HB508**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
judy simpson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kaitlyn McKee	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This bill would be a big step forward towards sustainability for food and building materials.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Katie Romanchuk	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please allow farmers to have hemp seed grow permits for research purposes. Hemp could be a valuable resource for Maui County to help us become more self sufficient for a variety of uses. Non-THC Hemp can be used for many practical purposes quite efficiently, and hopefully can replace some of the sugar cane and help keep a green, rural ambiance in Maui. Hemp can be used for food, drink, clothing, rope, paper etc. Thank you for considering this bill.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ken Stover	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hemp is an ideal agro solution for building materials, high nutritional food source, clothing, etc. and it's cultivation on Maui would become a welcome not only for residents but as an export product, fortifying the agrobusiness. It would also restore the much needed nutrients to our precious soil. It's a no brainer.

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Kim Harman	Individual	Support	No

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Leilani Clark	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Louis Dilberto	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
megan powers	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please let senators know that as a constituent I strongly support HB 508. I feel confident that industrial hemp is the only crop that could seriously save HC&S from selling out Monsanto or to development. Many other industries would also form around the industrial hemp. We want to keep Maui in non toxic ag. This is an excellent solution.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Reed Gach	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am writing to urge you to support the HB508 which authorizes the growing of industrial hemp for certain purposes under specified conditions. I urge you to support HB508 which also appropriates funds for department of agriculture staff to assist in registration of industrial hemp growers and seed testing. Industrial Hemp, which is completely different properties and chemistry than marijuana, has been used successfully used for food, pest and mold resistant building supplies, fuel, paper and clothing. Drought and pest resistant hemp revitalizes and detoxes soil. Please support HB508. Michael Gach, Ph.D. P.O. Box 1808 Kihei, HI 96753

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Pamela Boyar	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rebecca Sydney	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please help Hawaii be more self sustaining. Hemp will help with this.

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Richard Billman	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Rita Ryan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HB508, specifically the steps towards ending hemp prohibition in Hawaii. Hemp was prohibited at a time in our history based on science that is now outdated. Hemp requires no pesticides. Hemp is grown in most countries with no adverse impact on police enforcement because hemp and marijuana have different growing cycles; it is not advantageous for illegal growers to grow their crop in hemp fields. Furthermore, hemp cross-pollination weakens the marijuana product so growers avoid hemp fields. There are no scientific, social, or business reasons to prohibit the cultivation of hemp in Hawaii.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rob Tarver	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hi am writing in support of the House Bill 508 that provides an avenue to begin to grow and utilize Industrial Hemp. This is an important addition to the movement towards greater sustainability for the state of Hawai`i.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
sallyjane Bodnar	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The more diversity we have in agricultural products, the better our soil and economy will be. Hemp has many uses and I am sure many more will be found. The hulled seeds are a necessary part of my diet and I'm sure will be a. Important food source for animals. Importing feed from the mainland is unsustainable on many levels.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Samantha Berberich	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sandra Herndon	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Support of HB 508 SD1-I support the development of Agricultural Hemp; I know that if this passes, it will be successful and possibly the first step toward a more resilient, sustainable future for Hawai`i. Hemp is more than just livestock feed- it also is a protein rich food for humans, as well as a source of paper, cloth, fuel and a multitude of products from just one plant. It could be the beginning of a new era of economic opportunities for the middle class here in the Islands; It will pave the way for small manufacturing and cottage industries leading to a modern future of new away from oil & imports. I urge you to support this bill. Mahalo!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sherry Pollack	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please approve industrial hemp for all farmers in Hawaii. Hemp is a valuable crop that helps clean soil as well as providing food, fiber, and fuel. It makes sense, end the ridiculous prohibition on hemp.

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Stephan Hewitt	Individual	Support	No

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Steve Rose	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Susan Douglas	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Terry Huth	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Senators, This is an important first step to allow farmers to begin growing this important, extremely useful industrial crop. I ask the Senate to support this legislation. Respectfully, Terry Huth, Kihei, Hi

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Thomas Craig	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Industrial hemp farming needs to be fast tracked in Hawaii... I support this bill.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
tristram kompan	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support hemp production in Hawaii

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
vicki levin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support this bill.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
vincent mina	Hawaii Farmers Union United	Support	No

Comments: As has been the case all along we the Hawaii Farmers Union United are in support of HB508. Mahalo VM

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Wendy Gibson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
yoav	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: This will be an amazing contribution to jobs and revenue possibilities for Hawaii farmers. This industry provides versatile solutions for so many of our society's needs. Please work toward making it legal for us to grow and manufacture hemp products.

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Amber	Individual	Support	No

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