

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **2871**

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 01 2024

RE: S.B. No. 3025

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 3025 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEMP,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Clarify that the Department of Agriculture shall not require inspections or sampling of hemp that duplicate inspections and sampling required by the United States Department of Agriculture; and
- (2) Repeal the requirement for the Department of Agriculture to adopt rules necessary to address nuisance issues, including smell, noise, and excessive lighting, arising out of the activities of certain hemp growers.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee finds that existing law requires the Department of Agriculture to create additional rules to address nuisance issues, including smell, noise, and excessive lighting arising out of the activities of hemp growers. However, pre-existing regulations and authority under the Department of Health and county land use ordinances address these types of nuisances. Your Committee believes that these pre-existing frameworks of



regulatory oversight for nuisance and other issues are the proper and preferred means to avoid any ambiguity that may arise. This measure will avoid the creation of a duplicative enforcement framework that may result in confusion and challenges due to incompatible oversight and conflicting actions and decisions.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3025 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312
 Pass, with amendments 2311
 Hold 2310
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
AWA, Brenton	✓			
TOTAL	5	—	—	—

Recommendation:
 Adopted
 Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:


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