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**TESTIMONY OF SHARON HURD
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**BEFORE THE HOUSE
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2024
2:00 PM
CONFERENCE ROOM 325 & VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**SENATE BILL NO. 3025, HD1
RELATING TO HEMP**

Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Takayama, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 3025, HD1. This bill repeals the requirement for additional rules by the Department of Agriculture (DOA) to address nuisance issues, including smell, noise, and excessive lighting arising out of the activities of hemp growers. Clarifies that DOA shall not require inspections or sampling of hemp that duplicates inspections or sampling required by the United States Department of Agriculture. DOA strongly supports this measure.

DOA does not find it necessary or appropriate to create additional rules under section 141-43 (a), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) to address nuisance issues, including smell, noise, and excessive lighting arising out of the activities of hemp growers. Pre-existing regulations and authority under the Department of Health and county land use ordinances already address (and are the appropriate method of addressing) the areas of nuisance referenced. DOA has serious concerns regarding the creation of a duplicative enforcement framework that may result in confusion and challenge due to incompatible oversight and conflicting actions and decisions.



Additionally, this bill amends section 142-42 (c), HRS which currently prohibits the State from imposing any forms of penalties to produce hemp which would also prohibit penalties against hemp growers for the illegal use of pesticides or the production of hemp within buffer zones. The DOA would like to strengthen the State's ability to enforce such penalties.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

SB-3025-HD-1

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Carolyn M Golojuch	Rainbow Family 808	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Rainbow Family 808 strongly supports SB3025 in order that Hawaii's citizens have control over their bodies. No more bureaucracy acking like big Brother. Freedom of choice is a must!

Thank you, mahalo,

Carolyn

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Scott Kidd	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure