

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1351

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2019  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred S.B. No. 1351 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEMP,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to streamline and expand the Department of Agriculture's industrial hemp program by authorizing the Department of Agriculture to:

- (1) Allow temporary inspectors to perform industrial hemp inspections;
- (2) Adopt an alternative method of sampling industrial hemp plants; and
- (3) Deposit fees from inspections by temporary inspectors into the certification services revolving fund.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; We Are One, Inc.; Momilani Farm; and nine individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Agriculture's industrial hemp program only has one employee and needs more staff and resources to expand the program. Your Committee further finds that existing Department seed certifiers are located on three

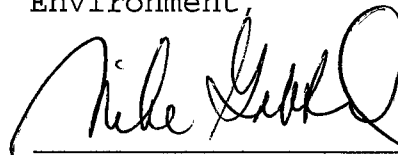


islands and can also perform inspections for the industrial hemp program.

Your Committee finds that this measure gives the Department of Agriculture the needed authority to allow temporary seed inspectors to inspect hemp, deposit inspection fees in the certification services revolving fund, and expand the industrial hemp program in an efficient manner. Your Committee notes that this measure does not include a fee structure but recommends that inspection fees follow a similar fee structure to that of the Department of Agriculture's seed inspections.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture and Environment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1351 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Agriculture and  
Environment,



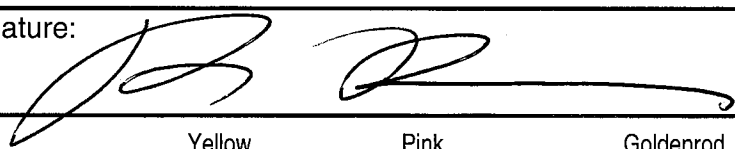
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MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate  
Thirtieth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Agriculture and Environment**  
**AEN**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 1351	AEN, WAM	02-04-2019		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)	X			
RUDERMAN, Russell E. (VC)	X			
RHOADS, Karl	X			
THIELEN, Laura H.	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>	5	0	0	0
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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