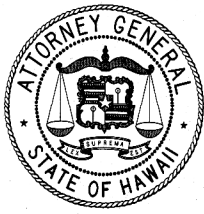


# HB1580 HD1

Measure Title:	RELATING TO THE WEED AND SEED STRATEGY.
Report Title:	Grants; Weed and Seed Strategy; Appropriation (\$)
Description:	Appropriates funds for grants to maintain and expand the weed and seed strategy, which is a collaborative effort to reclaim, restore, and rebuild communities. Appropriates funds. (HB1580 HD1)
Companion:	<a href="#">SB2182</a>
Package:	None
Current Referral:	PSM/JDL, WAM
Introducer(s):	RHOADS, AQUINO



**TESTIMONY OF  
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE, 2016**

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**ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:**

H.B. NO. 1580, H.D. 1, RELATING TO THE WEED AND SEED STRATEGY.

**BEFORE THE:**

SENATE COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND  
MILITARY AFFAIRS AND ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

**DATE:** Wednesday, March 16, 2016 **TIME:** 8:30 a.m.

**LOCATION:** State Capitol, Room 016

**TESTIFIER(S):** Douglas S. Chin, Attorney General, or  
Julie Ebato, Crime Prevention and Justice Assistance Administrator

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Chairs Nishihara and Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committees:

The Department of the Attorney General supports this measure, provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities as indicated in our Executive Budget. The Department respectfully recommends one amendment be made to the bill.

The bill provides funding to the Department to support the Weed and Seed strategy. In order to expedite the contracting process, the Department requests that the bill be amended to provide that funds be appropriated as a grant to Empower Oahu pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, with the Department designated as the expending agency. Empower Oahu is currently implementing the Weed and Seed efforts on Oahu.

The Department respectfully requests the passage of this measure with the suggested amendments.



# Meadow Gold Dairies



Written Testimony by: Glenn Muranaka  
HB 1580hd1, Weed and Seed Strategy  
Senate PSM/JDL, Wednesday, March 16, 2016 – 8:30 am  
Room 016  
Position: Support

Chairs Nishihara and Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Senate PSM/JDL Committees:

My name is Glenn Muranaka, President and General Manager of Meadow Gold Dairies. Our company has been in Hawaii since 1897—119 years, providing Hawaii consumers with a variety of milk products and juices. Meadow Gold's long history has not come without effort. We continually adapt to our customers' and consumers' ever-changing needs, and we constantly evolve along with our industry, our community and our market. Over the years, this has required that we struggle, tighten our belts, innovate and work extremely hard, making us a better company in the process. The foundation of this work rests with the 330 employees that are committed to providing superior quality products.

We strongly support the program and believe that it is an effective program that does "weed" out criminal elements in targeted communities. Through partnerships with human service organizations as well as businesses and residents, the program plants "seeds" for neighborhood revitalization projects and activities.

We recognize that funding requests are very difficult in these economic times. However, the collaboration model suggested among the county, state, federal agencies and the private sector can only enhance a successful and needed program.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony. If you have any questions, please contact me at 944-5911.