



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## Legislative Testimony

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### HB 154 HD2 SD1 PROPOSED SD2 – RELATING TO INDUSTRIAL HEMP

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, thank you for this opportunity to offer comments in support of HB 154 HD2 SD1 PROPOSED SD2, which would authorize the Dean of the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR) at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa to establish a two-year industrial hemp remediation and biofuel research program.

HB 154 HD2 SD1 PROPOSED SD2 is one of three bills currently under consideration for the same purpose.

We support the intent of HB 154 HD2 SD1 PROPOSED SD2, based on our understanding that research on industrial hemp may now be conducted under Section 7606 of the Agricultural Act of 2014, also known as Public Law 113-79.

Our sole concerns with all three similar bills are (1) that adequate funding be provided in order for any research to be conducted, (2) that such research and funding not replace nor adversely impact any priorities as indicated in the University's Board of Regents' Approved Executive Biennium Budget, (3) and that a minimum two-year period be allowed in order to obtain meaningful research results. We have determined that the costs of a two-year research program are \$150,000.