

ACT 263 SLH 2023 - HAWAII HEMP TASK FORCE
 Department of Agriculture (DOA)
 Department of Health (DOH)

MEETING SUMMARY

Date: Wednesday, July 24, 2024

Time: 12:30 P.M. – 2:00 P.M. (HST)

In-Person Meeting Location: Plant Quarantine Branch, Conference Room
 Department of Agriculture
 1849 Auiki Street
 Honolulu, Hawaii 96819-3100

Virtual Participation: Virtual Videoconference Meeting – Zoom Webinar
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82807664440>

Recording Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OW9RUJLf5mY>

Present via Zoom/Phone-:

Gail Byrne Baber	Robert Bence (phone)	Jared Dalgamouni
Gloria Ilagan	Janine Holstein	Kyle Leong
Qing Li	Michele Matsuda	Judiah McRoberts
Liliana Napoleon	Brittney Neal	Grant Overton
Greg Smith	Joseph Smith	Rusty Tapp
Scott Wong		

Absent:

Ty Cheng	Kelly King
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Staff present in person/Zoom:

Stephen Dalton – DOA	John “Liam” Gimon –DOH	Greg Edwards – DOH
Andrew Goff – Deputy Attorney General (DAG); Zoom	Travis Moon – DAG (Zoom)	Lori Nagatoshi - DOH
Michele Nakata – DOH (Zoom)	Leo Obaldo – DOA	Heidy Tuliao – DOA
Artemio “Jun” Tulio – DOA		

Agenda:

The agenda for this meeting was posted to the Hawaii State calendar as required by Section 92-7(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes, Office of Information Practices.

I. Call to order:
[00:00:49] Facilitator Tuilo called the meeting to order and roll call was taken. Facilitator Tulio confirmed sixteen (16) task force members present and quorum was established.

[Robert Bence *called into the meeting 00:07:14*]

II. Presentation by Gail Byrne Baber:
[00:09:57] Facilitator Tulio confirmed there were no public testifiers.
[Michele Matsuda *joined the meeting via Zoom 00:11:00*]

III. Presentation by Bob King:
[00:31:33] **Public testimony – Alex Wu.** He asked a question about hemp and sunflower biomass.

IV. Presentation by Hemp Consultants:
[00:46:39] **Public Testimony – Marcus Serrano,** who echoed Megan Villa's, hemp consultant, findings, and recommendations.

Discussion: Ms. Neal expressed concerns about controlling invasive species if checking out and transporting heavy equipment between farms. Ms. Neal supported a cannabinoid hemp task force.

Mr. Dalgamouni supported a separate cannabinoid task force and interagency collaboration regarding the interim rules. Mr. Dalgamouni suggested to pause on any new rulemaking.

Mr. Bence related that he votes no to the recommendations in the presentation and suggested a need for a completely new task force. Mr. Bence commented that it is his understanding that the hemp task force is to engage with farmers and make the recommendations.

DAG Goff clarified that the task force is tasked with making their own recommendations and can hold more meetings if necessary. Currently, the task force members are discussing the consultant's recommendations.

Mr. Cheng shared that the medical cannabis dispensaries on Oahu have equipment to process cannabidiol (CBD).

Mr. Wong related how pests are controlled when taking tractors to different farms.

Ms. Neal responded to Mr. Cheng's comment and indicated that she does not want to be lumped into medical or adult-cannabis businesses.

[Janine Holstein *left the meeting at 12:38 P.M.*]

[Liliana Napoleon *left the meeting at 12:40 P.M.*]

V. Decision-making
by task force
members:

[01:14:41]

Facilitator Tulio asked the task force if they will vote on the recommendations of the fiber, building, and cannabinoid sectors. Facilitator Tulio clarified the recommendations of the fuel and grain food sector will be discussed during the next meeting.

Ms. Baber asked for clarification about task force members voting on the consultant's recommendations.

DAG Goff reminded the task force of holding open meetings pursuant to Hawaii's Sunshine Laws, Chapter 92," Public Agency Meetings and Record", Hawaii Revised Statutes.

[01:18:59]

Facilitator Tulio asked for a motion to move agenda item IV to the next meeting. Ms. Baber so moved, and Mr. Bence seconded. The motion passed with unanimity of those members present.

VI. Adjournment

[01:22:32]

Facilitator Tulio adjourned the meeting.