

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

MEETING SUMMARY

Date: Monday, August 26, 2024

Time: 12:00 P.M. – 1:30 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/84896447451>

Recording Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HryVLwQz200>

Present via Zoom/Phone-:

Gail Byrne Baber	Robert Bence	Ty Cheng
Jared Dalgamouni	Kyle Leong	Qing Li
Michele Matsuda	Brittney Neal	Grant Overton
Greg Smith	Scotty Wong	

Absent:

Janine Holstein	Gloria Ilagan	Kelly King
Judiah McRoberts	Liliana Napoleon	Joseph Smith
Rusty Tapp		

Staff present in person/Zoom:

Stephen Dalton – DOA	Liam Gimon – DOH	Greg Edwards – DOH
Andrew Goff – DAG (Zoom)	Travis Moon – DAG (Zoom)	Lori Nagatoshi - DOH
Michele Nakata – DOH (Zoom)	Leo Obaldo – DOA	Heidy Tuliao – DOA
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
 [00:00:07] Chair Baber called the meeting to order. Facilitator Tulio conducted the roll call, confirmed eleven (11) members present and quorum was established.

III. Discussion and decision-making on the Task Force findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to be included in the Hawai'i Hemp Task Force Final Report to the legislature

- [00:05:51] Chair Baber started the discussion on key findings and recommendations that needed to be included in the Hawaii Hemp Task Force Final Report.
- [00:08:04] Discussion between Chair Baber, Mr. Smith, Mr. Bence, and Ms. Neal about recreational bill and insurance.
- [00:21:55] Discussion between Chair Baber, Mr. Bence, Ms. Neal, Mr. Gimon, and Mr. Wong about the recommendations on open dialogue between industry and agencies.
- [00:37:39] Discussion between Chair Baber, Mr. Wong, and Ms. Neal about building sector needs, access to banking and grant funding or loans for small farmers in Hawaii.
- [00:48:18] Mr. Overton discussing grant funding for hemp breeding and seed production.
- [00:49:55] Discussion between Mr. Matsuda and Mr. Wong about sustainable materials in building projects, green infrastructure, and financing through state banks.
- [00:58:28] Mr. Bence discussing small versus large-scale grants for hemp farmers.
- [01:07:58] Facilitator Tulio asking the public for testimony.
- IV. Adjournment
[01:09:28] Facilitator Tulio adjourned the meeting.