

**ACT 263 SLH 2023 - HAWAII HEMP TASK FORCE**  
 Jointly convened by the Department of Agriculture (DOA)  
 and Department of Health (DOH)

**MEETING SUMMARY**

Date: Wednesday, August 14, 2024

Time: 12:00 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=2AwH51o5wTo>

Present Task Force Members via Zoom:

Gail Byrne Baber	Robert Bence	Jared Dalgamouni
Janine Holstein	Kelly King	Kyle Leong
Qing Li	Judiah McRoberts	Liliana Napoleon
Brittney Neal	Greg Smith	Joseph Smith
Rusty Tapp	Scott Wong	

Absent Task Force Member:

Ty Cheng	Gloria Ilagan	Michele Matsuda
Grant Overton		

Staff present in person/Zoom:

Stephen Dalton – DOA	Greg Edwards -DOH	Liam Gimon – DOH
Andrew Goff – Deputy Attorney General	Ashley Johnson –DOH	Lori Nagatoshi – DOH
Michele Nakata – DOH (Zoom)	Leo Obaldo – DOA	Jun Tulio -DOA
Heidy Tuliao - 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: [ 00:00:12 ] Facilitator Tulio called the meeting to order and roll call was taken. Facilitator Tulio confirmed fourteen (14) task force members present and quorum was established.

II. Presentation by DOH: Liam Gimon presented “DOH Hemp Processor’s Permit and Crude Extract”; Ashley Johnson presented “DOH Update Hemp Process Option Flow”; and Greg Edwards presented “DOH Act 263 Flow Chart Summary”.  
[ 00:07:30 ]

Facilitator Tulio confirmed there were no public testers.

[ 00:24:33 ] Comments/questions from Ms. Byrne Baber, Mr. Bence, Mr. J. Smith, Mr. Leong, Mr. Tapp, and Mr. Dalgamouni.

III. Presentation by Hemp Consultants: Char O’Brien and Megan Villa presented “Findings and Recommendations by the Hemp Consultant”.

[ 00:52:00 ] Ms. O’Brien presented an executive summary since the members did not receive the report. Ms. Villa presented on the fiber sector of industrial hemp.

[ 01:02:08 ] Ms. Byrne Baber, Mr. Bence, Mr. J. Smith, Ms. King, Mr. G. Smith, and Mr. Dalgamouni commented about the incomplete consultant report and the dissolution of the task force on August 30, 2024.

[ 01:23:54 ] **Motion to request to meet on Wednesday, August 21, 2024.**

**Motion made by:** Gail Byrne Baber

**Seconded by:** Jared Dalgamouni

[ 01:31:24 ]

**Vote:**

Gail Byrne Baber:	Yes
Robert Bence:	Yes
Jared Dalgamouni:	Yes
Janine Holstein:	Yes
Kelly King:	Yes
Kyle Leong:	Yes
Qing Li:	Yes
Judiah McRoberts:	No response
Brittany Neal:	No response
Greg Smith:	Yes
Joseph Smith:	No response
Rusty Tapp:	Yes
Scott Wong:	Yes

[ 01:33:09 ] **Motion to request to appoint Gail Byrne Baber as the Chair of the Hawaii Hemp Task Force**

**Motion made by:** Robert Bence

**Seconded by:** Greg Smith

[ Janine Holstein *left the meeting at 1:39 P.M.* ]

[ 01:55:00 ] Facilitator Tulio asked task force members to vote on this motion.  
Motion passed unanimously.

[ 01:58:10 ] **Motion to request for five additional task force meetings on the following days:**

1. Friday, August 23, 2024
2. Monday, August 26, 2024
3. Wednesday, August 28, 2024
4. Thursday, August 29, 2024
5. Friday, August 30, 2024

**Motion made by:** Joseph Smith  
**Seconded by:** Robert Bence

[ 02:00:57 ] Facilitator Tulio asked task force members to vote on this motion.  
Motion passed unanimously.

[ 02:02:10 ] Mr. J. Smith and Ms. Byrne Baber asked Ms. O'Brien to provide the report to the task force members by August 15, 2024.

[ 02:04:07 ] Ms. O'Brien, Ms. Byrne Baber, and Ms. Villa discussed the pending report, industrial and cannabinoid hemp.

[ 02:08:18 ] Mr. Goff answered questions from Mr. J. Smith and Ms. Byrne Baber about the Sunshine Law.

V. Adjournment: Facilitator Tulio adjourned the meeting.  
[ 02:11:52 ]