Senate Bill 531
Sponsored by Senator L BEYER (at the request of Mapleton High School students)

SUMMARY
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Permits growing of industrial hemp. Authorizes State Department of Agriculture to administer licensing and inspection program. Authorizes civil penalty not exceeding $2,500.

A BILL FOR AN ACT
Relating to industrial hemp; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 475.005 and 561.144.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. As used in sections 1 to 4 of this 2001 Act:
(1) “Agricultural seed” means industrial hemp seed that meets any labeling, quality and other standards set by the Director of Agriculture and that is intended for sale or is sold to, or purchased by, licensed growers for planting.
(2) “Crop” means any contiguous field of industrial hemp grown under a single license.
(3) “Department” means the State Department of Agriculture.
(4) “Grower” means a person, as defined in ORS 174.100, joint venture or cooperative that produces industrial hemp.
(5) “Handler” means a person, as defined in ORS 174.100, joint venture or cooperative that receives industrial hemp for processing into commodities, products or agricultural seed.
(6) “Industrial hemp” means all parts and varieties of the plant Cannabis sativa, whether growing or not, that contain a tetrahydrocannabinol concentration, the average of which may not exceed one percent on a dry weight basis and that are cultivated or possessed by a grower or handler in compliance with the provisions of sections 1 to 4 of this 2001 Act. “Industrial hemp” is separate and distinct from marijuana. “Industrial hemp” does not include products made from industrial hemp, such as building materials, cloth, cordage, fiber, food, fuel, industrial chemicals, paint, paper, particle board, floor coverings, plastics, seed meal, seed oil for consumption or yarn and does not include seed other than seed that is part of a growing crop or seed that is retained by a grower for future planting and agricultural seed.

SECTION 2. Industrial hemp production and possession and commerce in industrial hemp are authorized in this state. Industrial hemp is an agricultural product and subject to regulation by the State Department of Agriculture.

SECTION 3. (1) All growers or handlers of industrial hemp must have an industrial hemp license as prescribed by the rules of the State Department of Agriculture.
(2) Every grower or handler of industrial hemp shall keep records as prescribed by the department.
(3) The department may inspect the industrial hemp crop of any person granted a grower’s license pursuant to this section during the crop’s growth phase. For inspection
purposes, the department shall take a representative composite sample of the total crop for
field analysis. The dispute settlement system of the department shall be used when neces-
sary. The average tetrahydrocannabinol concentration in the crop may not exceed one per-
cent on a dry weight basis.

(4) Subject to department guidelines, growers may retain seeds from each crop to ensure
a sufficient supply of seeds for that grower for the following year. A grower retaining seeds
for future planting does not need an agricultural seed production permit described under
subsection (5) of this section. Seed retained by a grower may not be resold and does not need
to meet agricultural seed standards.

(5) The department may issue agricultural seed production permits to allow growers and
handlers of industrial hemp to produce agricultural seed. The department may inspect re-
cords, growing crops, warehouses and processing and other facilities used in the production
of agricultural seed. A person offering industrial hemp seed for sale to growers shall ensure
that the industrial hemp seed complies with any standards set by the Director of Agriculture
under ORS 633.511 to 633.750. The department shall make available to growers information
that identifies sellers of agricultural seed.

(6) The department may charge reasonable fees in amounts determined by the depart-
ment as necessary for purposes of carrying out the duties of the department under this
section.

SECTION 4. In addition to any other liability or penalty provided by law, the State De-
partment of Agriculture may revoke or refuse to issue an industrial hemp license or an agri-
cultural seed production permit and may impose a civil penalty on a grower or handler for
any of the following:

(1) Violation of a license or permit requirement created by rule of the department under
section 3 of this 2001 Act.

(2) Violation of any of the terms or conditions of an industrial hemp license or an agri-
cultural seed production permit issued under section 3 of this 2001 Act.

(3) Violation of any rule or general order of the department that pertains to agriculture
or industrial hemp.

(4) Violation of any final order of the department that pertains specifically to the oper-
ations or activities of the grower or handler.

SECTION 5. (1) A civil penalty imposed under section 4 of this 2001 Act may not exceed
$2,500.

(2) The revocation of or refusal to issue an industrial hemp license or an agricultural
seed production permit, or the imposition of a civil penalty under section 4 of this 2001 Act,
shall be subject to ORS 183.310 to 183.550.

SECTION 6. ORS 475.005 is amended to read:

475.005. As used in ORS 475.005 to 475.285 and 475.940 to 475.995, unless the context requires
otherwise:

(1) “Abuse” means the repetitive excessive use of a drug short of dependence, without legal or
medical supervision, which may have a detrimental effect on the individual or society.

(2) “Administer” means the direct application of a controlled substance, whether by injection,
inhalation, ingestion or any other means, to the body of a patient or research subject by:

(a) A practitioner or an authorized agent thereof; or

(b) The patient or research subject at the direction of the practitioner.

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“Administration” means the Drug Enforcement Administration of the United States Department of Justice, or its successor agency.

“Agent” means an authorized person who acts on behalf of or at the direction of a manufacturer, distributor or dispenser. It does not include a common or contract carrier, public warehouseman or employee of the carrier or warehouseman.

“Board” means the State Board of Pharmacy.

“Controlled substance” means a drug or its immediate precursor classified in Schedules I through V under the federal Controlled Substances Act, 21 U.S.C. 811 to 812, as modified under ORS 475.035. The use of the term “precursor” in this subsection does not control and is not controlled by the use of the term “precursor” in ORS 475.940, 475.950 and 475.955. “Controlled substance” does not include industrial hemp, as defined in section 1 of this 2001 Act, or products made from industrial hemp.

“Counterfeit substance” means a controlled substance or its container or labeling, which, without authorization, bears the trademark, trade name, or other identifying mark, imprint, number or device, or any likeness thereof, of a manufacturer, distributor or dispenser other than the person who in fact manufactured, delivered or dispensed the substance.

“Deliver” or “delivery” means the actual, constructive or attempted transfer, other than by administering or dispensing, from one person to another of a controlled substance, whether or not there is an agency relationship.

“Device” means instruments, apparatus or contrivances, including their components, parts or accessories, intended:

(a) For use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment or prevention of disease in humans or animals; or

(b) To affect the structure of any function of the body of humans or animals.

“Dispense” means to deliver a controlled substance to an ultimate user or research subject by or pursuant to the lawful order of a practitioner, and includes the prescribing, administering, packaging, labeling or compounding necessary to prepare the substance for that delivery.

“Dispenser” means a practitioner who dispenses.

“Distributor” means a person who delivers.

“Drug” means:

(a) Substances recognized as drugs in the official United States Pharmacopoeia, official Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia of the United States or official National Formulary, or any supplement to any of them;

(b) Substances intended for use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment or prevention of disease in humans or animals;

(c) Substances (other than food) intended to affect the structure or any function of the body of humans or animals; and

(d) Substances intended for use as a component of any article specified in paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of this subsection; however, the term does not include devices or their components, parts or accessories.

“Manufacture” means the production, preparation, propagation, compounding, conversion or processing of a controlled substance, either directly or indirectly by extraction from substances of natural origin, or independently by means of chemical synthesis, or by a combination of extraction and chemical synthesis, and includes any packaging or repackaging of the substance or labeling or relabeling of its container, except that this term does not include the preparation or compounding.
of a controlled substance:

(a) By a practitioner as an incident to administering or dispensing of a controlled substance in
the course of professional practice; or

(b) By a practitioner, or by an authorized agent under the practitioner’s supervision, for the
purpose of, or as an incident to, research, teaching or chemical analysis and not for sale.

(15) “Marijuana” means all parts of the plant Cannabis family Moraceae, whether growing or
not; the resin extracted from any part of the plant; and every compound, manufacture, salt, deriva-
tive, mixture[,] or preparation of the plant or its resin[]. It except industrial hemp, as defined in
section 1 of this 2001 Act, or products made from industrial hemp. “Marijuana” does not in-
clude the mature stalks of the plant, fiber produced from the stalks, oil or cake made from the seeds
of the plant, any other compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of the ma-
ture stalks (except the resin extracted therefrom), fiber, oil, or cake, or the sterilized seed of the
plant which is incapable of germination. “Marijuana” also does not include industrial hemp
seeds that are part of a growing licensed crop, that are retained by a licensed grower for
future planting or that are held by a licensed grower or handler as agricultural seed under
the provisions of section 3 of this 2001 Act.

(16) “Person” includes a government subdivision or agency, business trust, estate, trust or any
other legal entity.

(17) “Practitioner” means physician, dentist, veterinarian, scientific investigator, certified nurse
practitioner, physician assistant or other person licensed, registered or otherwise permitted by law
to dispense, conduct research with respect to or to administer a controlled substance in the course
doing professional practice or research in this state but does not include a pharmacist or a pharmacy.

(18) “Prescription” means a written or oral direction, given by a practitioner for the preparation
and use of a drug. When the context requires, “prescription” also means the drug prepared under
such written or oral direction. Any label affixed to a drug prepared under written or oral direction
shall prominently display a warning that the removal thereof is prohibited by law.

(19) “Production” includes the manufacture, planting, cultivation, growing or harvesting of a
controlled substance.

(20) “Research” means an activity conducted by the person registered with the federal Drug
Enforcement Administration pursuant to a protocol approved by the United States Food and Drug
Administration.

(21) “Ultimate user” means a person who lawfully possesses a controlled substance for the use
of the person or for the use of a member of the household of the person or for administering to an
animal owned by the person or by a member of the household of the person.

SECTION 7. ORS 561.144 is amended to read:

561.144. (1) The State Treasurer shall establish a Department of Agriculture Service Fund which
shall be a trust fund separate from the General Fund and included under ORS 293.115 (6), and which
shall not be subject to ORS 293.105 and 293.110. The State Department of Agriculture shall deposit
all license and service fees paid to it under the provisions of the statutes identified in subsection (3)
of this section in the Department of Agriculture Service Fund. The State Treasurer is the custodian
of this trust fund which shall be deposited by the treasurer in such depositories as are authorized
to receive deposits of the General Fund, and which may be invested by the treasurer in the same
manner as authorized by ORS 293.701 to 293.820.

(2) Notwithstanding ORS 293.140, interest received on deposits credited to the Department of
Agriculture Service Fund shall accrue to and become a part of the Department of Agriculture Ser-
vice Fund.