
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5222

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By Senate Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles, Hatfield, Hobbs, Frockt, Chase, Hasegawa, and Kline)

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1 AN ACT Relating to industrial hemp; and creating new sections.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature intends to investigate the
4 various economic opportunities and industrial uses associated with
5 industrial hemp cultivation and production as a farm product in the
6 state of Washington. By commissioning a study, the legislature intends
7 to assess whether the state's growing conditions and economic potential
8 are favorable for the production of industrial hemp so that growers and
9 other businesses in Washington's agricultural industry may take
10 advantage of this market opportunity.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The university shall study the
12 feasibility and desirability of industrial hemp production in
13 Washington state. The university is encouraged to conduct the study at
14 its Everett branch campus. In conducting the study, the university
15 shall gather information from agricultural and scientific literature,
16 consulting with experts and the public, and reviewing the best
17 practices of other states and countries worldwide regarding the

1 development of markets for industrial hemp and hemp products. The
2 study must include an analysis of:

3 (a) The market economic conditions affecting the development of an
4 industrial hemp industry in the state;

5 (b) The estimated value-added benefit that Washington's economy
6 would reap from having a developed industrial hemp industry in the
7 state;

8 (c) Whether Washington soils and growing conditions are appropriate
9 for economically viable levels of industrial hemp production;

10 (d) An analysis of the agronomy research being conducted worldwide
11 relating to industrial hemp varieties, production, and utilization,
12 including its use for erosion control;

13 (e) An analysis of other legislative acts, experiences, and
14 outcomes around the world regarding industrial hemp production;

15 (f) Recommendations for any legislative actions necessary to
16 encourage and support the development of an industrial hemp industry in
17 the state of Washington.

18 (2) The university shall report its findings to the legislature by
19 January 14, 2014.

20 (3) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this
21 section unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

22 (a) "Hemp products" includes all products made with or derived from
23 industrial hemp including, but not limited to, cloth, cordage, fiber,
24 food, fuel, paint, paper, particleboard, plastics, seed, seed meal and
25 seed oil for consumption, and certified seed for cultivation if the
26 seeds originate from industrial hemp varieties.

27 (b) "Industrial hemp" means all parts and varieties of the plant
28 cannabis sativa, cultivated or possessed by a licensed grower, whether
29 growing or not, that contain a tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of
30 point three percent or less by weight, except that the THC
31 concentration limit of point three percent may be exceeded for licensed
32 industrial hemp seed research.

33 (c) "Tetrahydrocannabinol" or "THC" means the natural or synthetic
34 equivalents of the substances contained in the plant, or in the
35 resinous extractives of, cannabis, or any synthetic substances,
36 compounds, salts, or derivatives of the plant or chemicals and their

- 1 isomers with similar chemical structure and pharmacological activity.
- 2 (d) "University" means Washington State University.

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