

Priority Legislation - 115th Congress

Hemp Farming Act of 2018 - S. 2667 and H.R. 5485

- Defines hemp as distinct with 0.3% THC or less and includes plant extracts
- Allows states to regulate hemp farming and gives USDA oversight at the federal level
- Authorizes crop insurance and provides research funding for hemp
- House companion bill sponsored by Rep. Comer (R-KY) along with Rep. Polis (D-CO)
- Updated language in the Hemp Farming Act has galvanized support
- Sponsored by Senate Majority Leader McConnell along with Minority Leader Schumer, Sen. Paul, Sen. Wyden, Sen. Merkley, Sen. Tillis (R-NC), Sen. Hoeven (R-ND) and more (24 bipartisan cosponsors)

Industrial Hemp Water Rights Act - S. 1576 and H.R. 4164

- Clarifies that the owner of a water right may use the water for the cultivation of industrial hemp, if otherwise authorized by State law.
- Allows farmers access to water which is controlled by the federal government
- S. 1576 is sponsored by Sen. Bennet (D-CO) with cosponsors Sen. Daines (R-MT), Sen. Tester (D-MT), Sen. Gardner (R-CO), Sen. Wyden (D-OR), Sen. Merkley (D-OR) and Sen. Udall (D-NM)
- H.R. 4164 is sponsored by Rep. Polis (D-CO) with cosponsors Rep. Young (R-AK), Rep. Gabbard (D-HI), Rep. Peterson (D-MN), Rep. Pocan (D-WI), Rep. Cohen (D-TN), Rep. Garrett (R-VA), Rep. Degette (D-CO) and Rep. Blumenauer (D-OR)

Industrial Hemp Banking Act - H.R. 4711

- Creates protections for depository institutions that provide financial services to industrial hemp legitimate businesses
- Clarifies that banking with businesses engaging in commerce with hemp is not prohibited and ensures that banks can not be sanctioned by Federal regulators for doing business with hemp farmers or businesses engaging in legitimate, legal commerce as authorized by Sec. 7606 of the Farm Bill & other laws
- Sponsored by Rep. Barr (R-KY) and cosponsored by Rep. Himes (D-CT) and Rep. Polis (D-CO)

Hemp Appropriations Amendment

- S.2976 - Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2019: Sec. 729. None of the funds made available by this Act or any other Act may be used—(1) in contravention of section 7606 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C. 5940); or (2) to prohibit the transportation, processing, sale, or use of industrial hemp, or seeds of such plant, that is grown or cultivated in accordance with subsection section 7606 of the Agricultural Act of 2014, within or outside the State in which the industrial hemp is grown or cultivated.

Hemp Creates Farming and Manufacturing Jobs and Supports Rural Communities

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