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**SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6214**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** Senate Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles, Hatfield, Hasegawa, Hewitt, and Chase)

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1       AN ACT Relating to industrial hemp; adding a new chapter to Title  
2       15 RCW; creating a new section; and providing an expiration date.

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

4       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 1.**   The legislature intends to investigate the  
5       various economic opportunities and industrial uses associated with  
6       industrial hemp cultivation and production as a farm product in the  
7       state of Washington.   Through conducting a study, the legislature  
8       intends to assess whether the state's growing conditions and economic  
9       potential are favorable for the production of industrial hemp so that  
10      growers and other businesses in Washington's agricultural industry may  
11      take advantage of this market opportunity.   Furthermore, should the  
12      study find favorable growing conditions, it is the intent of the  
13      legislature to encourage the development of an industrial hemp industry  
14      as a fecund addition to our state's cornucopia.

15      NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 2.**   The definitions in this section apply  
16      throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

17      (1) "Agribusiness" means the processing of raw agricultural

1 products, including but not limited to timber and industrial hemp, or  
2 the performance of value-added functions with regard to raw  
3 agricultural products.

4 (2) "Grower" means any person or business entity growing industrial  
5 hemp.

6 (3) "Hemp products" includes all products made from industrial hemp  
7 including, but not limited to, cloth, cordage, fiber, food, fuel,  
8 paint, paper, particle board, plastics, seed, seed meal and seed oil  
9 for consumption, and certified seed for cultivation, if the seeds  
10 originate from industrial hemp varieties.

11 (4) "Industrial hemp" means all parts and varieties of the plant  
12 cannabis sativa, cultivated or possessed by a grower, whether growing  
13 or not, that contain a tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of point  
14 three percent or less by weight, except that the THC concentration  
15 limit of point three percent may be exceeded for licensed industrial  
16 hemp seed research.

17 (5) "Tetrahydrocannabinol" or "THC" means synthetic equivalents of  
18 the substances contained in cannabis sativa, or in the resinous  
19 extractives of, cannabis, or synthetic substances, compounds, salts, or  
20 derivatives of cannabis sativa or chemicals and their isomers with  
21 similar chemical structure and pharmacological activity.

22 (6) "THC concentration" means percent of total THC, which is the  
23 combined percent of delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol and  
24 tetrahydrocannabinolic acid in any part of the plant Cannabis,  
25 regardless of moisture content.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Industrial hemp is an agricultural product  
27 that may be grown, produced, possessed, and commercially traded in the  
28 state.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** (1) Subject to receiving federal or private  
30 funds for this purpose, Washington State University shall study the  
31 feasibility and desirability of industrial hemp production in  
32 Washington state. In conducting the study, the university shall gather  
33 information from agricultural and scientific literature, consulting  
34 with experts and the public, and reviewing the best practices of other  
35 states and countries worldwide regarding the development of markets for

1 industrial hemp and hemp products. The study must include an analysis  
2 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) The agronomy research being conducted worldwide relating to  
11 industrial hemp varieties, production, and use; and

12 (e) Other legislative acts, experiences, and outcomes around the  
13 world regarding industrial hemp production.

14 (2)(a) The university shall report its findings to the legislature  
15 by January 14, 2015.

16 (b) The report must include recommendations for any legislative  
17 actions necessary to encourage and support the development of an  
18 industrial hemp industry in the state of Washington.

19 (3) This section expires August 1, 2015.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Sections 1 through 3 of this act constitute  
21 a new chapter in Title 15 RCW.

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