

SHB 1552 - H AMD 587

By Representative Shea

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

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5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature intends to authorize
6 the growing of industrial hemp as a legal, agricultural activity in
7 this state.

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

12 (1) "Grower" means any person or entity growing industrial hemp
13 in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

14 (2) "Hemp products" include all products made from industrial
15 hemp including, but not limited to, cloth, cordage, fiber, food,
16 fuel, paint, paper, building materials, plastics, seed, livestock
17 feed, seed meal, seed oil intended for consumption, seed certified
18 for cultivation, or any other hemp product derived from industrial
19 hemp.

20 (3) "Industrial hemp" means all parts and varieties of the
21 genera *Cannabis*, cultivated or possessed by a grower, whether
22 growing or not, that contain a tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of
23 0.3 percent or less by dry weight, except that the THC concentration
24 limit of 0.3 percent may be exceeded with respect to seeds used for
25 industrial hemp research conducted in accordance with the
26 requirements of section 4 of this act. Industrial hemp does not

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1 include plants of the genera *Cannabis* that meet the definition of
2 "marijuana" under RCW 69.50.101.

3 (4) "THC" or "tetrahydrocannabinol" means the component delta-9-
4 tetrahydrocannabinol contained in the genera *Cannabis*, or in the
5 resinous extractives of the genera *Cannabis*, or the synthetic
6 substances, derivatives, and their isomers with similar chemical
7 structure and pharmacological activity.

8 (5) "THC concentration" means percent of total THC, which is the
9 percent of delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol in any part of the genera
10 *Cannabis*, regardless of moisture content.

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12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Industrial hemp is an agricultural
13 product that may be legally grown, produced, possessed, processed,
14 and commercially traded. Interstate and international commercial
15 transactions may be conducted by industrial hemp producers and
16 processors with respect to industrial hemp and industrial hemp
17 products produced in this state.

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19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** (1) Subject to receiving federal or
20 private funds for this purpose, Washington State University shall
21 study the feasibility and desirability of industrial hemp production
22 in Washington. In conducting the study, the Washington State
23 University shall gather information from agricultural and scientific
24 literature, consult with experts and the public, and review the best
25 practices of other states and countries worldwide regarding the
26 development of markets for industrial hemp and hemp products. The
27 study must include an analysis of:

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

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

33 (c) Whether Washington soils and growing conditions are
34 appropriate for economically viable levels of hemp production;

1 (d) Issues related to the potential for cross-pollination
2 between industrial hemp plants and marijuana plants;

3 (e) The threat posed to industrial hemp by agricultural pests
4 and diseases and the potential remedies for these agricultural
5 threats;

6 (f) Any potential threat to the state's hop industry posed by
7 the agricultural production of industrial hemp and methods that
8 might be used to mitigate such threat;

9 (g) The agronomy research being conducted worldwide relating to
10 industrial hemp varieties, production, and use; and

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

13 (2)(a) Washington State University shall report its findings to
14 the legislature by January 14, 2016.

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

18 (3) This section expires August 1, 2016.

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

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23 Correct the title.

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EFFECT: (1) Eliminates all licensing requirements and fees
applicable to industrial hemp producers; (2) strikes all provisions
pertaining to the regulatory role of the Department of Agriculture;
(3) strikes all provisions pertaining to the regulation of
industrial hemp cultivars and seeds; (4) strikes provisions
establishing the Industrial Hemp Account; (5) strikes all provisions
pertaining to the regulatory role of the Liquor and Cannabis Board;
and (6) strikes all provisions pertaining to the Controlled
Substances Act.

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