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Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

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

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

(1) "Department" means the Washington state department of agriculture.

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

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

1 hemp, provided the product is derived from seeds originating from
2 industrial hemp cultivars approved by the department in accordance
3 with the provisions of this chapter.

4 (4) "Industrial hemp" means all parts and varieties of the
5 genera *Cannabis*, cultivated or possessed by a grower, whether
6 growing or not, that contain a tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of
7 0.3 percent or less by dry weight, except that the THC concentration
8 limit of 0.3 percent may be exceeded with respect to seeds used for
9 industrial hemp research conducted in accordance with the
10 requirements of section 4 of this act. Industrial hemp does not
11 include plants of the genera *Cannabis* that meet the definition of
12 "marijuana" under RCW 69.50.101.

13 (5) "THC" or "tetrahydrocannabinol" means the component delta-9-
14 tetrahydrocannabinol contained in the genera *Cannabis*, or in the
15 resinous extractives of the genera *Cannabis*, or the synthetic
16 substances, derivatives, and their isomers with similar chemical
17 structure and pharmacological activity.

18 (6) "THC concentration" means percent of total THC, which is the
19 percent of delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol in any part of the genera
20 *Cannabis*, regardless of moisture content.

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22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Industrial hemp is an agricultural
23 product that may be legally grown, produced, possessed, processed,
24 and commercially traded. Interstate and international commercial
25 transactions may be conducted by industrial hemp producers and
26 processors with respect to industrial hemp and industrial hemp
27 products produced in this state.

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29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** (1) Subject to receiving federal or
30 private funds for this purpose, Washington State University shall
31 study the feasibility and desirability of industrial hemp production
32 in Washington. In conducting the study, the Washington State
33 University shall gather information from agricultural and scientific
34 literature, consult with experts and the public, and review the best

1 practices of other states and countries worldwide regarding the
2 development of markets for industrial hemp and hemp products. The
3 study must include an analysis of:

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

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

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

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

13 (e) The threat posed to industrial hemp by agricultural pests
14 and diseases and the potential remedies for these agricultural
15 threats;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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33 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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