
HOUSE BILL 1979

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1 AN ACT Relating to funding industrial hemp research; creating a
2 new section; and making an appropriation.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) As codified in chapter 15.120 RCW, the
5 legislature authorized the growing of industrial hemp as a legal,
6 agricultural activity in this state as part of an agricultural pilot
7 program in conformance with the agricultural act of 2014, 128 Stat.
8 912 Sec. 7606, P.L. 113-79 (2014). As defined in RCW 15.120.010, the
9 agricultural pilot is known as the "industrial hemp research program"
10 and is supervised by the Washington state department of agriculture
11 to study the growth, cultivation, or marketing of industrial hemp.

12 (2) Products made from industrial hemp include, but are not
13 limited to, cloth, cordage, fiber, food, fuel, paint, paper, particle
14 board, plastics, seed, seed meal and seed for consumption, and
15 certified seed for cultivation, if the seeds originate from
16 industrial hemp varieties.

17 (3) The legislature appropriated one hundred forty-five thousand
18 dollars from the general fund for fiscal year 2017 solely for the
19 implementation of Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 6206 and
20 further authorized the department of agriculture to set and collect

1 various fees to continue to fund the industrial hemp research
2 program.

3 (4) At this nascent stage as farmers and processors gain interest
4 in reintroducing and building the infrastructure for the versatile
5 and valuable industrial hemp crop, it is anticipated that additional
6 appropriations from the general fund will be required to further the
7 industrial hemp research program.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The sum of one hundred forty-five thousand
9 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for
10 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, from the general fund to the
11 agricultural local fund created in RCW 43.23.230 for the purposes of
12 providing funding for the industrial hemp research program created in
13 chapter 15.120 RCW.

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