

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## E2SSB 5276

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As Reported by Senate Committee On:  
Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks, February 7, 2019

**Title:** An act relating to hemp production.

**Brief Description:** Concerning hemp production.

**Sponsors:** Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Ericksen, Takko and Wellman).

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks: 1/29/19, 2/7/19 [DPS, w/oRec-WM].

<b>Brief Summary of First Substitute Bill</b>
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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, WATER, NATURAL RESOURCES & PARKS

**Majority Report:** That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5276 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass and be referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

Signed by Senators Van De Wege, Chair; Salomon, Vice Chair; Warnick, Ranking Member; Rolfes and Short.

**Minority Report:** That it be referred without recommendation and be referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

Signed by Senators Honeyford and McCoy.

**Staff:** Karen Epps (786-7424)

**Background:**

**Summary of Bill:** The bill as referred to committee not considered.

**Summary of Bill (First Substitute):**

### EFFECT OF CHANGES MADE BY AGRICULTURE, WATER, NATURAL RESOURCES & PARKS COMMITTEE (First Substitute):

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**Appropriation:**

**Fiscal Note:**

**Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members:**

**Effective Date:**

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony on First Substitute:** *The committee recommended a different version of the bill than what was heard.*

**Persons Testifying:** PRO: Senator Doug Ericksen, Prime Sponsor; Justin Hobson, Lane Powell PC / Attorney; Joshua Ashby, Lane Powell PC / Attorney; Nikie Walters; Tonia Farman, Hemp Northwest; Stephen Rowland, Rowland Green Fields; Kristofer Plunkett, Pacific Northwest Hemp Industries Association; Bonny Jo Peterson, Industrial Hemp Association of Washington; James McKee, Hemp Solutions Washington.

OTHER: Jessica Tonani, Verda Bio Research CEO; Kelly McLain, Washington State Department of Agriculture; Jay Gordon , Farmer .

**Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying:** No one.