
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENT TO RE-STATE THAT THE
CONGRESSIONAL INTENT OF THE FEDERAL UNIFORM CONTROLLED
SUBSTANCES ACT IS NOT TO PROHIBIT THE PRODUCTION OF
INDUSTRIAL HEMP.

1 WHEREAS, industrial hemp and marijuana are both in the
2 plant genus and species *Cannabis sativa*, which contains a unique
3 class of molecules called cannabinoids, one of which is delta 9
4 tetrahydrocannabinol, or THC, which delivers a psychoactive
5 effect; and

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7 WHEREAS, industrial hemp refers to the nondrug oilseed and
8 fiber varieties of *Cannabis* that have less than three-tenths of
9 one percent delta 9 tetrahydrocannabinol and are cultivated
10 exclusively for fiber, stalk, and seed, and are genetically
11 distinct from drug varieties of *Cannabis*; and

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13 WHEREAS, industrial hemp is genetically distinct from drug
14 varieties of *Cannabis*, and the flowering tops of industrial hemp
15 cannot produce any drug effect when smoked or ingested; and

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17 WHEREAS, the legislative history of the Marijuana Tax Act
18 of 1937 indicates that Congress never intended to prohibit the
19 production of industrial hemp when restricting the production,
20 possession, and use of marijuana; and

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22 WHEREAS, the federal Uniform Controlled Substances Act of
23 1970 specifies the findings to which the government must attest
24 in order to classify a substance as a schedule I drug, and those
25 findings include that the substance has a high potential for
26 abuse, no accepted medical use, and a lack of accepted safety
27 for use, none of which applies to industrial hemp; and

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29 WHEREAS, industrial hemp is a high-value, low-input crop
30 that is not genetically modified, requires little or no



1 pesticides, can be dry-land farmed, and uses less fertilizer
2 than wheat or corn; and
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4 WHEREAS, industrial hemp grows in a wide variety of
5 climates, has a short growing cycle, leaves the soil well
6 ventilated, and clears weeds from fields; and
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8 WHEREAS, industrial hemp is one of the most versatile,
9 productive, and useful fiber plants known and is part of a
10 greater trend that is transforming agricultural crops into new
11 products that are economically and environmentally sound; and
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13 WHEREAS, industrial hemp is grown for its fiber, woody
14 stalk, and seeds; and
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16 WHEREAS, the fiber of industrial hemp, located on the
17 outside of the stalk, can be used to make clothing, bags,
18 carpeting, upholstery, and rope; and
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20 WHEREAS, the woody stalk of industrial hemp can be used to
21 make paper, teabags, cigarette rolls, construction materials,
22 animal bedding, fiberglass, and plastics; and
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24 WHEREAS, the seeds of industrial hemp can be used in food
25 products such as bagels, salad dressing, dietary supplements,
26 and animal feed; in personal care products such as skin lotion,
27 moisturizers, and shampoo; and in industrial products such as
28 paints, inks, varnishes, or biomass fuel; and
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30 WHEREAS, industrial hemp thus offers significant business
31 and employment opportunities in such broad commercial sectors as
32 farming, processing, manufacturing, retailing, recycling, and
33 cooperatives; and
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35 WHEREAS, in Hawaii, the production of industrial hemp will
36 allow Hawaii to fulfill its constitutional mandate to conserve
37 and protect agricultural lands, promote diversified agriculture,
38 increase agricultural self-sufficiency, and assure the
39 availability of agriculturally suitable lands because the
40 production of industrial hemp involves little use of water and
41 little or no pesticides; and
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43 WHEREAS, the production of industrial hemp in Hawaii will
44 also support the self-sufficiency of the building and



1 construction industries in Hawaii because industrial hemp can
2 provide a local source of building materials that are superior
3 to lumber, would not need to be imported at great expense from
4 overseas, and basically would require mixture with only one
5 other locally produced product, lime, to produce hempcrete; now,
6 therefore,
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8 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
9 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
10 Session of 2013, the Senate concurring, that the United States
11 Congress and the President of the United States are encouraged
12 to re-state that the congressional intent of the federal Uniform
13 Controlled Substances Act is not to prohibit the production of
14 industrial hemp; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
17 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
18 United States, Majority Leader of the United States Senate,
19 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and each
20 member of Hawaii's Congressional delegation.

