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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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

1           WHEREAS, industrial hemp and marijuana are both species of  
2 the plant genus *Cannabis sativa*, which contains a unique class  
3 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 per cent delta 9 tetrahydrocannabinol and that 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 product 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 Controlled Substances Act of 1970  
23 specifies the findings to which the government must attest in  
24 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, has no accepted medical use, and has a lack of accepted  
27 safety 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  
31 pesticides, can be dry-land farmed, and uses less fertilizer  
32 than wheat or corn; and

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1 WHEREAS, industrial hemp grows in a wide variety of  
2 climates, has a short growing cycle, leaves the soil well  
3 ventilated, and clears weeds from fields; and

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5 WHEREAS, industrial hemp is one of the most versatile,  
6 productive, and useful fiber plants known and is part of a  
7 greater trend that is transforming agricultural crops into new  
8 products that are both economically and environmentally sound;  
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11 WHEREAS, industrial hemp is grown for its fiber, woody  
12 stalk, and seeds; and

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14 WHEREAS, the fiber of industrial hemp, located on the  
15 outside of the stalk, can be used to make clothing, bags,  
16 carpeting, upholstery, and rope; and

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18 WHEREAS, the woody stalk of industrial hem can be used to  
19 make paper, teabags, cigarette rolls, construction materials,  
20 animal bedding, fiberglass, and plastics; and

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22 WHEREAS, the seeds of industrial hemp can be used in food  
23 products such as bagels, salad dressing, dietary supplements,  
24 and animal feed, and in personal-care products such as skin  
25 lotion, moisturizers and shampoo, and in industrial products  
26 such as paints, inks, varnishes, or biomass fuel; and

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28 WHEREAS, industrial hemp thus offers significant business  
29 and employment opportunities in such broad commercial sectors as  
30 farming, processing, manufacturing, retailing, recycling, and  
31 cooperatives; and

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33 WHEREAS, in Hawaii, the production of industrial hemp will  
34 allow Hawaii to fulfill its constitutional mandate to converse  
35 and protect agricultural lands, promote diversified agriculture,  
36 increase agricultural self-sufficiency, and assure the  
37 availability of agriculturally suitable lands, because the  
38 production of industrial hemp involves little use of water and  
39 little or no pesticides; and

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41 WHEREAS, the production of industrial hemp in Hawaii will  
42 also support the self-sufficiency of the building and  
43 construction industries in Hawaii because industrial hemp can  
44 provide a local source of building materials that are superior



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1 to lumber, would not need to be imported at great expense from  
 2 overseas, and basically would require mixture with only one  
 3 other locally produced product, specifically, lime, to produce  
 4 hemcrete; now, therefore,

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 6 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 7 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
 8 Session of 2013, that the United States Congress and the  
 9 President of the United States are encouraged to re-state that  
 10 the congressional intent of the federal Controlled Substances  
 11 Act is not to prohibit the production of industrial hemp; and

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 13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 14 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States,  
 15 the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of  
 16 the United States House of Representatives, and each member of  
 17 Hawaii's congressional delegation.

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