

JAN 19 2018

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the department of
2 agriculture hemp pilot program has been progressing and going
3 through the rulemaking development stages. In order to prepare
4 the hemp pilot program for implementation, a few amendments must
5 be made to address the program's commencement.

6 The purpose of this Act is to create a special fund into
7 which fees may be deposited.

8 SECTION 2. Chapter 141, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
9 amended by adding a new section to part II to be appropriately
10 designated and to read as follows:

11 "§141- Industrial hemp special fund; established. (a)
12 There is created in the state treasury a special fund to be
13 designated as the industrial hemp special fund to be
14 administered by the department of agriculture. Moneys deposited
15 in this special fund shall be used to fulfill the purposes of
16 this part and shall include:



1 (1) Any moneys appropriated by the legislature to the
2 special fund;

3 (2) Any fees collected by the department of agriculture in
4 relation to the industrial hemp pilot program; and

5 (3) The interest or return on investments earned from
6 moneys in the special fund.

7 (b) The department of agriculture may use the moneys in
8 the special fund to carry out the purposes of this part,
9 including hiring employees, specialists, and consultants
10 necessary to complete projects related to the purposes of this
11 part.

12 (c) Moneys deposited into or appropriated to the special
13 fund shall remain available until they are obligated or until
14 the special fund is terminated.

15 (d) If the special fund is terminated, all funds shall be
16 transferred to the general fund; provided that all unexpended or
17 unencumbered balances shall be disbursed in accordance with any
18 requirements set by funding sources and for purposes consistent
19 with this part."

20 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.



S.B. NO. 2556

1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:



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Report Title:

Industrial Hemp Program; Hemp Special Fund

Description:

Establishes a special fund within the department of agriculture to deposit fees and expend funds necessary for the industrial hemp pilot program.

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