



GOV. MSG. NO. 1238

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR

June 27, 2022

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,
President
and Members of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,
Speaker and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 27, 2022, the following bill was signed into law:

SB2986 SD1 HD2 CD1

RELATING TO HEMP.
ACT 137

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

Approved by the Governor

JUN 27 2022

on _____
THE SENATE
THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE, 2022
STATE OF HAWAII

ACT 137
S.B. NO. 2986
S.D. 1
H.D. 2
C.D. 1

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEMP.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that hemp is a high-value
2 crop that has the potential to bring significant and diverse
3 revenues to Hawaii. Hemp has over fifty thousand recognized
4 uses including as a fuel; a food, including the seeds, oil,
5 juice from leaves, and herbal tinctures; and fiber used in
6 supercapacitors, cloth, building materials, and bioplastic.
7 Hemp has significant potential to be a lucrative crop for Hawaii
8 farmers and support food security for the State. Many Hawaii
9 farms subsidize food production with non-farming income or jobs.
10 Hemp could provide farm-based income for farmers to expand or
11 stabilize their food production.

12 The legislature further finds, however, that Hawaii's hemp
13 industry remains in a nascent stage largely due to
14 overregulation, which has stifled the State's hemp industry.
15 The Hawaii hemp cannabinoid and cannabidiol market is
16 approximated to be \$32,000,000 to \$54,000,000 annually, but most
17 of that money goes to hemp producers outside the State due to
18 prohibitions banning Hawaii farmers from making and selling



1 these products in the State. Moreover, overregulation of
2 production and processing has driven many hemp farmers out of
3 business in the State, which makes Hawaii farmers non-
4 competitive in the hemp market.

5 The legislature further finds that the Agriculture
6 Improvement Act of 2018, informally known as the 2018 Farm Bill,
7 legalized hemp by removing hemp from the definition of
8 "marihuana" contained in the federal Controlled Substances Act.
9 Therefore, hemp is no longer classified as an illegal drug under
10 federal law. In October 2019, the United States Department of
11 Agriculture established new regulations through which states may
12 monitor and regulate hemp production. In light of these federal
13 reforms, state laws regarding hemp should also be reformed. The
14 legislature remains committed to reform hemp laws but recognizes
15 that the interested parties and agencies need to continue their
16 efforts to arrive at an appropriate balance in the governing
17 regulations. Therefore, the legislature finds that the sunset
18 date must be extended while those remaining issues are thoroughly
19 resolved.

20 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to extend the
21 sunset date of Act 14, Session Laws of Hawaii 2020, which



1 establishes the state hemp processors and commercial hemp
2 production laws.

3 SECTION 2. Act 14, Session Laws of Hawaii 2020, is amended
4 by amending section 9 to read as follows:

5 "SECTION 9. This Act shall take effect upon its approval,
6 and shall be repealed on [~~June 30, 2022~~] July 1, 2025; provided
7 that the definition of "marijuana" in section 329-1, Hawaii
8 Revised Statutes, and the definitions of "marijuana" and
9 "marijuana [~~Concentrate~~] concentrate" in section 712-1240,
10 Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall be reenacted in the form in which
11 they read on the day prior to the effective date of this Act."

12 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
13 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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



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APPROVED this 27th day of June, 2022

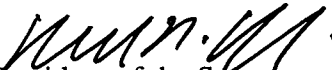
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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

Date: May 3, 2022
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate
of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2022.


President of the Senate


Clerk of the Senate

SB No. 2986, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 3, 2022
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022.



Scott K. Saiki
Speaker
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives