
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEMP SPECIAL FUND.

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

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to amend section
2 141-14, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to allow the industrial hemp
3 special fund to be utilized for the department of agriculture's
4 responsibilities regarding hemp created by Act 14, Session Laws
5 of Hawaii 2020 (Act 14), as amended by Act 137, Session Laws of
6 Hawaii 2022 (Act 137).

7 Act 14, as amended by Act 137, established a registry for
8 hemp processors within the department of health, created a hemp
9 processor special fund within the department of health, and
10 authorized the department of health to collect fees and fines
11 for the program. Act 14, as amended by Act 137, also tasked the
12 department of agriculture with monitoring the transportation of
13 hemp within the State and enforcing certain state restrictions
14 regarding the growth of hemp within the State but did not
15 establish a special fund within the department of agriculture to
16 perform these duties. Amending the industrial hemp special fund
17 will allow the department of agriculture to use the existing



1 special fund to perform the new regulatory duties relating to
2 hemp.

3 SECTION 2. Section 141-14, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 "~~{}~~\$141-14~~}~~ ~~Industrial hemp~~ Hemp special fund;

6 **established.** (a) There is created in the state treasury a
7 special fund to be designated as the ~~[industrial]~~ hemp special
8 fund to be administered by the department of agriculture.
9 Moneys deposited in this special fund shall be used to fulfill
10 the purposes of ~~[this]~~ part III and shall include:

- 11 (1) Any moneys appropriated by the legislature to the
12 special fund;
- 13 (2) ~~[Any fees collected by the department of agriculture~~
14 ~~in relation to the industrial hemp pilot program; and]~~
15 Moneys generated by the department of agriculture from
16 the operations or enforcement of part III, including
17 finances, awards, judgments, and settlements;
- 18 (3) The interest or return on investments earned from
19 moneys in the special fund~~[+]~~; and
- 20 (4) Grants and gifts made to the special fund.



1 (b) The department of agriculture may use the moneys in
2 the special fund to carry out the purposes of [~~this~~] part[~~7~~]
3 III, including hiring employees, specialists, and consultants
4 necessary to complete projects related to the purposes of [~~this~~]
5 part[~~7~~] III."

6 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the hemp special
7 fund the sum of \$50,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary
8 for fiscal year 2023-2024 to be used for the purposes of
9 carrying out the department of agriculture's responsibilities
10 under part III of chapter 141, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

11 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
12 agriculture for the purposes of this Act.

13 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
14 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

15 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on June 30, 3000.

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Report Title:

Hemp Special Fund; Industrial Hemp Special Fund; Department of
Agriculture

Description:

Renames the industrial hemp special fund as the hemp special
fund and allows the fund to be utilized for the department of
agriculture's responsibilities regarding hemp. Effective
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