

ACT 59

S.B. NO. 2556

A Bill for an Act Relating to Agriculture.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

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

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

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

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

- (1) Any moneys appropriated by the legislature to the special fund;
- (2) Any fees collected by the department of agriculture in relation to the industrial hemp pilot program; and
- (3) The interest or return on investments earned from moneys in the special fund.

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

SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.¹

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

(Approved June 27, 2018.)

Note

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.