

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 57th Legislature (2020)

4 HOUSE CONCURRENT
5 RESOLUTION 1015

By: Fetgatter of the House

and

Paxton of the Senate

10 AS INTRODUCED

11 A Concurrent Resolution relating to industrial hemp;
12 recognizing research, development, processing,
13 manufacturing and production of industrial hemp
14 qualifies for Oklahoma state incentives.

16 WHEREAS, industrial hemp (cannabis sativa) was a major
17 industrial crop grown in America since the Colonial period, and was
18 used for textiles, paper and rope, and continues to this day to be
19 used in fiberboard, construction materials, protein for both humans
20 and livestock, lubricating oils and energy-producing biomass; and

21 WHEREAS, industrial hemp is considered a low-cost, low-input
22 crop and is generally believed to have strong market potential due
23 to the extensive diversity of its possible uses; and

1 WHEREAS, farming industrial hemp in a crop rotation promotes
2 crop diversity, increases soil fertility, increases crop yields,
3 reduces soil erosion, reduces crop stress from weeds, increases soil
4 nutrients, and limits concentrations of pests; and

5 WHEREAS, industrial hemp farming provides additional options for
6 our state's farmers to potentially improve their income; and

7 WHEREAS, products yielded from industrial hemp fiber could
8 include fabrics, carpeting, canvas and biocomposites; and

9 WHEREAS, products yielded from industrial hemp's woody core
10 (hurd) could include fiberboard, animal bedding, mulch, insulation,
11 erosion control blankets, and packaging; and

12 WHEREAS, products yielded from industrial hemp's seed could
13 include bread, granola, protein powder, and animal feed; and

14 WHEREAS, products yielded from industrial hemp's seed oil could
15 include soap, oil paints, cosmetics, and printing ink; and

16 WHEREAS, the existence of this industry in the State of Oklahoma
17 will prompt research institutions to further their cutting edge
18 studies into the usage, production, and manufacture of industrial
19 hemp; and

20 WHEREAS, there exist significant benefits to agricultural
21 producers, biotech companies, industrial grade producers and
22 manufacturers; and

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1 WHEREAS, the research and development of industrial hemp will
2 contribute to the safe and sustainable use of industrial grade heavy
3 materials; and

4 WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma has already seen some success in
5 the industrial hemp industry and established rules related to
6 licensing and inspections with the Oklahoma Industrial Hemp
7 Agricultural Pilot Program as established in House Bill 2913 (2018);
8 and

9 WHEREAS, in states that have legalized industrial hemp, the
10 Federal Drug Enforcement Administration requires Class 1
11 registrations and permits for the importation of seeds and has no
12 legal issues with fiber and grain production, limiting their primary
13 concern to the extraction of cannabinoid oils, which concentrates
14 the THC content of products for nonmedical uses; and

15 WHEREAS, the activities associated with research and development
16 of industrial hemp farming, processing techniques and types of
17 products that could be sold on the market would diversify the
18 economy; and

19 WHEREAS, the activities associated with processing,
20 manufacturing and production of industrial hemp would diversify the
21 economy and employ more Oklahomans.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
23 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 57TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
24 CONCURRING THEREIN:

1 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature recognizes the research,
2 development, processing, manufacturing and production of industrial
3 hemp qualifies for Oklahoma state incentives.

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