

**BILL SUMMARY**  
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<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB 2279</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Research Analysis**

HB 2279 creates the Oklahoma Industrial Hemp Remediation Program and provides definitions for terms used in the act, including *Hemp Program*, which is defined as the Oklahoma Hemp Industrial Reform Program and any final ruling from the USDA. The measure allows a person licensed by the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry whose hemp is deemed noncompliant with the Hemp Program to request approval from the Department to remediate the hemp. If approved, the licensee must promptly have the hemp extracted by a licensed processor into concentrated form and sampled by a certified laboratory for THC levels. If the samples are below USDA levels for THC, the hemp is compliant and can be sold commercially; if the samples are noncompliant, the Department must be notified and the samples must be destroyed.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

HB 2279 addresses attempted remediation for growers under the Hemp Program and destroying crops that exceed THC levels as laid out in the program. According to officials that the Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry, HB 2279 should not create a fiscal impact for them. Therefore, the State's budgets and appropriations should also not be impacted.

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**Other Considerations**

None.