

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 1422

By: Pederson and Dossett of the
Senate

3 and

4 Kerbs and Randleman of the
5 House

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7 An Act relating to the Oklahoma Industrial Hemp
8 Program; creating the Oklahoma Industrial Hemp Task
9 Force; providing for termination; providing purpose;
10 providing for membership; stating quorum; allowing
11 election of chair and vice chair; requiring
12 appointments and first meeting within certain time
13 frame; disallowing compensation; providing staff;
14 authorizing certain consultations; requiring certain
15 report; providing for codification; and declaring an
16 emergency.

17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

18 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3-412 of Title 2, unless there
20 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 A. There is hereby created the Oklahoma Industrial Hemp Task
22 Force until December 31, 2026. The purpose of the task force shall
23 be to provide the Legislature and the Governor with information on
24 impacts of the production and processing of industrial hemp in the
state.

B. The task force shall consist of seven (7) members as
follows:

1 1. One member, appointed by the Governor, who shall be an
2 individual who represents the agricultural industry;

3 2. One member, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
4 Senate, who shall be an individual who represents the agricultural
5 industry;

6 3. One member, appointed by the Speaker of the House of
7 Representatives, who shall be an individual who represents the
8 agricultural industry;

9 4. One member appointed by the Oklahoma Department of
10 Agriculture, Food, and Forestry;

11 5. One member appointed by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce;

12 6. One member appointed by the Oklahoma State University
13 College of Agriculture; and

14 7. One member appointed by the University of Oklahoma College
15 of Architecture.

16 C. A quorum for official business of the task force shall be
17 four members. A chair and a vice chair shall be elected by a
18 majority vote of the members of the task force.

19 D. Appointments to the task force shall be made by the
20 appointing authority no later than sixty (60) days after the
21 effective date of this act. Appointed members shall, to the
22 greatest extent practicable, have by education or experience,
23 knowledge of industrial hemp. The chair shall hold the first
24 meeting of the task force no later than ninety (90) days after the

1 effective date of this act. Any vacancy in the membership of the
2 task force shall be filled in the same manner provided for in the
3 initial appointment.

4 E. The members of the task force shall receive no compensation
5 but shall receive travel reimbursement for necessary travel expenses
6 incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with the
7 State Travel Reimbursement Act. The task force shall be staffed by
8 the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry and shall
9 meet as often as necessary to perform its duties.

10 F. The task force may consult with any organization, government
11 entity, or person in the development of its report required pursuant
12 to the provisions of subsection G of this section.

13 G. On or before December 24, 2026, the task force shall
14 electronically submit to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of
15 the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the
16 chairs of the Senate and House committees that oversee agriculture,
17 a report containing, but not limited to, the following information
18 based on available data:

19 1. A review of laws and regulations on hemp used for industrial
20 purposes used by this state, other states, and the federal
21 government;

22 2. A recommendation on allowable amounts of
23 tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in hemp used for industrial purposes;
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3. A recommendation on the definition of hemp as it pertains to fiber and grain processing versus cannabidiol (CBD) extraction and processing;

4. The need for outreach and assistance to farmers, agricultural cooperatives, farm organizations, tribal governments, and other related entities; and

5. A recommendation on grant programs or other funding.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the Senate the 20th day of February, 2024.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
2024.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives