

SENATE FLOOR VERSION

February 12, 2024

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 1422

By: Pederson of the Senate

and

Kerbs and Randleman of the
House

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

14 6. One member appointed by the Oklahoma State University
15 College of Agriculture; and

16 7. One member appointed by the University of Oklahoma College
17 of Architecture.

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

21 D. Appointments to the task force shall be made by the
22 appointing authority no later than sixty (60) days after the
23 effective date of this act. Appointed members shall, to the
24 greatest extent practicable, have by education or experience,

1 knowledge of industrial hemp. The chair shall hold the first
2 meeting of the task force no later than ninety (90) days after the
3 effective date of this act. Any vacancy in the membership of the
4 task force shall be filled in the same manner provided for in the
5 initial appointment.

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

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

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

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

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1 2. A recommendation on allowable amounts of
2 tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in hemp used for industrial purposes;

3 3. A recommendation on the definition of hemp as it pertains to
4 fiber and grain processing versus cannabidiol (CBD) extraction and
5 processing;

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

9 5. A recommendation on grant programs or other funding.

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

14 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS
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