

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1422

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AS INTRODUCED

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 timeframe; 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.

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 Oklahoma State University; and

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

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

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

1 task force shall be filled in the same manner provided for in the
2 initial appointment.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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