

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 7

BY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

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2 STATING FINDINGS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND RESOLVING THAT IT IS THE
3 POLICY OF THIS STATE TO ALLOW AND ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT, RESEARCH,
4 AND PRODUCTION OF HEMP IN IDAHO, THAT IT IS THE INTENT OF THE LEGISLA-
5 TURE TO ADOPT THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE HEMP GROWING
6 PLAN AND ANY REGULATIONS DEVELOPED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE FEDERAL
7 AGRICULTURE IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2018, SO THAT IDAHO PRODUCERS MAY GROW
8 HEMP STARTING IN THE 2020 GROWING SEASON TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT ALLOWED
9 BY FEDERAL LAW, AND THAT A GROWING HEMP INDUSTRY ALSO HAS THE POTENTIAL
10 TO CREATE JOBS IN PRODUCTION, PROCESSING, AND RESEARCH, AND THAT IDA-
11 HOANS WILL BENEFIT FROM NUMEROUS CONSUMER PRODUCTS MADE FROM HEMP.

12 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Idaho:

13 WHEREAS, the House of Representatives expresses the following Leg-
14 islative intent: It is the policy of this state to allow and encourage the
15 development, research, and production of hemp in Idaho. The Legislature
16 finds that the Cannabis sativa L. plant used for the production of hemp is
17 separate and distinct from the forms of cannabis used to produce marijuana.
18 The federal agriculture improvement act of 2018, P. L. 115-334, has removed
19 hemp from schedule I of the federal controlled substances act and elimi-
20 nated other barriers at the federal level to hemp research, development, and
21 production. It is the intent of the Legislature to adopt the United States
22 Department of Agriculture hemp growing plan and any regulations developed
23 under the authority of the federal agriculture improvement act of 2018, P. L.
24 115-334, so that Idaho producers may grow hemp starting in the 2020 growing
25 season to the maximum extent allowed by federal law.

26 WHEREAS, hemp is used in products such as building materials, cordage,
27 fiber, food, floor coverings, fuel, paint, animal feed, paper, particle
28 board, plastics, seed meal, cosmetics, seed, derivatives, extracts, and
29 yarn. The University of Idaho, in fulfillment of its land grant mission,
30 leads the nation in many areas of agricultural research and is encouraged
31 to research and study this burgeoning field. Hemp has the potential to be
32 an alternate crop in Idaho's thriving agricultural economy. A growing hemp
33 industry also has the potential to create jobs in production, processing,
34 and research, and Idahoans will benefit from numerous consumer products made
35 from hemp.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the House of Represen-
37 tatives, assembled in the First Regular Session of the Sixty-fifth Idaho
38 Legislature, that it is the policy of this state to allow and encourage the
39 development, research, and production of hemp in Idaho.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the intent of the Legislature to adopt
41 the United States Department of Agriculture hemp growing plan and any reg-
42 ulations developed under the authority of the federal agriculture improve-

1 ment act of 2018, P. L. 115-334, so that Idaho producers may grow hemp start-
2 ing in the 2020 growing season to the maximum extent allowed by federal law.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a growing hemp industry also has the poten-
4 tial to create jobs in production, processing, and research, and that Ida-
5 hoans will benefit from numerous consumer products made from hemp.