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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the department of
2 agriculture hemp pilot program has been progressing and going
3 through the rule making development stages. In order to prepare
4 the hemp pilot program for implementation, a few amendments must
5 be made to address the program's commencement.

6 The purpose of this Act is to create a special fund into
7 which fees may be deposited.

8 SECTION 2. Chapter 141, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
9 amended by adding to part II a new section to be appropriately
10 designated and to read as follows:

11 "§ 141- Industrial hemp special fund; established. (a)
12 There is created in the state treasury a special fund to be
13 designated as the industrial hemp special fund to be
14 administered by the department of agriculture. Moneys deposited
15 in this special fund shall be used to fulfill the purposes of
16 this part and shall include:

17 (1) Any moneys appropriated by the legislature to the
18 special fund;

(2) Any fees collected by the department of agriculture in relation to the industrial hemp pilot program;

(3) The interest or return on investments earned from moneys in the special fund.

(b) The department of agriculture may use the moneys in the special fund to carry out the purposes of this part, including hiring employees, specialists, and consultants necessary to complete projects related to the purposes of this chapter.

(c) Moneys deposited into or appropriated to the special fund shall remain available until they are obligated or until the special fund is terminated.

(d) If the special fund is terminated, all funds shall be transferred to the general fund; provided that all unexpended or unencumbered balances shall be disbursed in accordance with any requirements set by funding sources and for purposes consistent with this chapter."

SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

INTRODUCED BY: 
BY REQUEST

Report Title:

Industrial Hemp Program; Hemp Special Fund

Description:

Establish a special fund within the Department of Agriculture to deposit fees and expend funds necessary for the industrial hemp pilot program.

JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Agriculture

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING AGRICULTURE.

PURPOSE: To create a special fund for the Hawaii Industrial Hemp Pilot Program.

MEANS: Add a new section to chapter 141, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

JUSTIFICATION: The Hawaii Department of Agriculture has the mandate to carry out an industrial hemp pilot program. Previous legislation did not allow a mechanism for the department to deposit fees within a special fund. The amendment requested will allow the department to create a special fund to carry out the mandate from two years ago.

Impact on the public:

None.

Impact on the department and other agencies:

This bill will allow the Department to collect fees and create a sustainable hemp pilot program.

GENERAL FUND: None.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

PPBS PROGRAM DESIGNATION: AGR 151.

OTHER AFFECTED AGENCIES: None.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval.