
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO INDUSTRIAL HEMP.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that allowing industrial
2 hemp-derived ingredients in commercial feed, in a manner aligned
3 with federal law and science-based standards, would diversify
4 the State's agriculture and strengthen supply-chain resilience.

5 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to adopt a
6 federally aligned approach to updating the State's feed law to
7 regulate the integration of hemp-derived ingredients.

8 SECTION 2. Chapter 144, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
9 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
10 and to read as follows:

11 "§144- Hemp and hemp-derived ingredients in commercial
12 feed; regulation. (a) Beginning July 1, 2026, hemp or
13 hemp-derived feed ingredients may be manufactured, distributed,
14 and used in commercial feed in the State; provided that each
15 hemp or hemp-derived feed ingredient shall be:



- 1 (1) Registered pursuant to section 144-3 and labeled
2 pursuant to section 144-4 and any rules adopted under
3 this chapter;
- 4 (2) Sourced from hemp produced in compliance with any
5 applicable federal or state laws;
- 6 (3) In compliance with department rules on
7 tetrahydrocannabinol limits, contaminants, good
8 manufacturing practices, and species-specific
9 directions for use; and
- 10 (4) Approved by the United States Food and Drug
11 Administration for its intended use in commercial feed
12 for livestock.
- 13 (b) Manufacturers and distributors of commercial feed
14 containing hemp or hemp-derived feed ingredients shall maintain
15 records as required by the department pursuant to subsection
16 (e), including lot identity, certificates of analysis, and proof
17 of lawful hemp sourcing, and shall provide product samples for
18 testing upon request by the department.
- 19 (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to
20 authorize the manufacture, distribution, or use of cannabinoids,
21 including cannabidiol.



1 (d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to
2 authorize the use of cannabinoids in human food, beverages, or
3 cosmetics regulated pursuant to chapter 328.

4 (e) The department shall adopt rules pursuant to
5 chapter 91 to implement this section. The rules shall provide
6 for:

- 7 (1) Ingredient registration;
- 8 (2) Testing;
- 9 (3) Labeling;
- 10 (4) Recordkeeping;
- 11 (5) Inspection and sampling;
- 12 (6) Tolerances for tetrahydrocannabinol and contaminants;
- 13 (7) Good manufacturing practices; and
- 14 (8) Enforcement consistent with this chapter and
15 applicable Association of American Feed Control
16 Officials model regulations."

17 SECTION 3. Section 144-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
18 amended as follows:

19 1. By adding two new definitions to be appropriately
20 inserted and to read:



1 "Hemp" has the same meaning as in title 7 United States
2 Code section 1639o.

3 "Hemp-derived feed ingredient" means a substance derived
4 from hemp that is manufactured and used for commercial feed in
5 compliance with this chapter and rules adopted pursuant to this
6 chapter, including hempseed, hempseed oil, hempseed meal, and
7 hempseed cake."

8 2. By amending the definition of "commercial feed" to
9 read:

10 "Commercial feed" means all feed except:

11 (1) Whole seeds unmixed or physically altered entire
12 unmixed seeds, when not adulterated within the meaning
13 of section 144-6, that are distributed for use as feed
14 or for mixing in feed;

15 (2) Hay, straw, stover, silage, cobs, husks, and hulls
16 when:

17 (A) Unground; or

18 (B) Unmixed with other materials;

19 (3) Wet garbage;

20 (4) Individual chemical compounds when not mixed with
21 other materials; and



1 (5) Unmixed feeding cane molasses, unmixed pineapple pulp,
2 unmixed pineapple hay, and unmixed sugarcane hay.
3 "Commercial feed" includes feed containing or mixed with hemp or
4 hemp-derived feed ingredients."

5 SECTION 4. No later than December 31, 2026, the department
6 of agriculture and biosecurity shall initiate rulemaking for the
7 purpose of implementing section 144- , Hawaii Revised
8 Statutes.

9 SECTION 5. If any provision of this Act, or the
10 application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held
11 invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or
12 applications of the Act that can be given effect without the
13 invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions
14 of this Act are severable.

15 SECTION 6. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



Report Title:

DAB; Hemp; Hemp-Derived Feed Ingredient; Commercial Feed; Rules

Description:

Beginning 7/1/2026, authorizes the use of hemp or hemp-derived feed ingredients in commercial feed in the State, subject to certain conditions. Requires the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to adopt rules. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)

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