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# 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 certain animal feeds, in a manner  
3 aligned with federal law and science-based standards, would  
4 diversify the State's agriculture and strengthen supply-chain  
5 resilience. The legislature recognizes that Montana succeeded  
6 in enacting a regulatory framework in 2021 that allows hemp  
7 ingredients in pet, specialty pet, and horse feed while allowing  
8 it in livestock feed contingent on federal action.

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

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

15           "§144-           Hemp and hemp-derived ingredients in commercial  
16 feed; regulation. (a) Beginning July 1, 2026, hemp or  
17 hemp-derived feed ingredients may be manufactured, distributed,



1 and used in commercial feed for pets, specialty pets, and horses  
2 in the State; provided that each hemp or hemp-derived feed  
3 ingredient shall be:

4 (1) Registered pursuant to section 144-3 and labeled  
5 pursuant to section 144-4 and any rules adopted under  
6 this chapter;

7 (2) Sourced from hemp produced in compliance with any  
8 applicable federal or state laws; and

9 (3) In compliance with department rules on  
10 tetrahydrocannabinol limits, contaminants, good  
11 manufacturing practices, and species-specific  
12 directions for use.

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 three 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       "Specialty pet" means any animal normally maintained in a  
9 household, including but not limited to rodents, ornamental  
10 birds, ornamental fish, reptiles and amphibians, ferrets,  
11 hedgehogs, marsupials, and rabbits not raised for food or fur."

12       2. By amending the definition of "commercial feed" to  
13 read:

14       "Commercial feed" means all feed except:

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

19       (2) Hay, straw, stover, silage, cobs, husks, and hulls  
20           when:

21           (A) Unground; or



- 1 (B) Unmixed with other materials;
- 2 (3) Wet garbage;
- 3 (4) Individual chemical compounds when not mixed with
- 4 other materials; and
- 5 (5) Unmixed feeding cane molasses, unmixed pineapple pulp,
- 6 unmixed pineapple hay, and unmixed sugarcane hay.
- 7 "Commercial feed" includes feed containing or mixed with hemp or
- 8 hemp-derived feed ingredients for a pet, specialty pet, or
- 9 horse."

10 SECTION 4. No later than December 31, 2026, the department  
11 of agriculture and biosecurity shall initiate rulemaking for the  
12 purpose of implementing section 144- (e), Hawaii Revised  
13 Statutes.

14 SECTION 5. If any provision of this Act, or the  
15 application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held  
16 invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or  
17 applications of the Act that can be given effect without the  
18 invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions  
19 of this Act are severable.

20 SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
21 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.



**1** 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 for pets, specialty pets, and horses. Requires the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to adopt rules. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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