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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE TO CREATE  
AN INDUSTRIAL HEMP ADVISORY BOARD.

1           WHEREAS, industrial hemp is an agricultural crop that is  
2 grown in at least thirty countries, including Australia, Canada,  
3 China, France, Germany, Great Britain, and Romania; and  
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5           WHEREAS, industrial hemp is used by industries to produce  
6 goods such as paper, textiles, food, oils, automotive parts, and  
7 personal care products; and  
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9           WHEREAS, sales of industrial hemp products in the United  
10 States have grown steadily since 1990 to more than \$500,000,000  
11 annually in 2012; and  
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13           WHEREAS, a critical logistical factor in gaining the  
14 acceptance of industrial hemp as an agricultural product appears  
15 to be the monitoring and maintaining of acceptably low levels of  
16 tetrahydrocannabinol concentrations in the hemp plants; now,  
17 therefore,  
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19           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
20 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
21 Session of 2014, that the Chairperson of the Board of  
22 Agriculture is requested to create an industrial hemp advisory  
23 board; and  
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25           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson of the Board of  
26 Agriculture is requested to invite the following to serve on the  
27 advisory board:  
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29           (1) Four members from the agricultural industry;  
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31           (2) Two members from public or private institutions or  
32 organizations that maintain land for agricultural  
33 research, including colleges, universities,  
34 agricultural research centers, and conservation  
35 research centers;



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- 2 (3) One member from a state or county law enforcement
- 3 agency;
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- 5 (4) One member who engages in hemp research at the
- 6 University of Hawaii;
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- 8 (5) One member from the industrial hemp products
- 9 manufacturing or processing industry;
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- 11 (6) One member from the industrial hemp products marketing
- 12 industry; and
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- 14 (7) One member of the public;
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the advisory board is requested  
19 to examine the following issues:

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- 21 (1) Identification of new and existing varieties of
- 22 industrial hemp that may be grown for their grain or
- 23 fiber as a dual purpose crop and those that may be
- 24 grown for seed production; and
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- 26 (2) The feasibility of permitting public or private
- 27 institutions or organizations that maintain land for
- 28 agricultural research, including colleges,
- 29 universities, agricultural research centers, and
- 30 conservation research centers, to cultivate or possess
- 31 any sample of industrial hemp that contains a
- 32 percentage content of tetrahydrocannabinol that is
- 33 greater than three-tenths of one per cent; provided
- 34 that the cultivation or possession of that sample
- 35 contributes to the development of a variety of
- 36 industrial hemp that does not contain a percentage
- 37 content of tetrahydrocannabinol that is greater than
- 38 three-tenths of one per cent;
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42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Agriculture  
43 is requested to provide administrative, professional, technical,  
44 and clerical support to the industrial hemp advisory board; and



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 2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the industrial hemp advisory  
 3 board is further requested to submit a report of its findings  
 4 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
 5 Legislature not later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
 6 the Regular Session of 2015; and

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 8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 9 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson and members of the  
 10 Board of Agriculture.

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