Amendment to Amendment (250377) (with title amendment)

Remove lines 238-254 and insert:

Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) and subsections (3) through (7) of section 1004.4473, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1004.4473 Industrial hemp pilot projects.—
(2)(a) The department shall authorize and oversee the development of industrial hemp pilot projects for the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences at the University of Florida, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, and any land grant university in the state that has a college of agriculture.
and any Florida College System institution or state university that has an established agriculture, engineering, or pharmacy program. The department shall adopt rules as required under the Agricultural Act of 2014, 7 U.S.C. s. 5940, to implement this section, including rules for the certification and registration of sites used for growth or cultivation. The purpose of the pilot projects is to cultivate, process, test, research, create, and market safe and effective commercial applications for industrial hemp in the agricultural sector in this state.

(3) An institution or a university must obtain the authorization of its board of trustees before implementing an industrial hemp pilot project. A pilot project authorized by an institution or a university must be registered with the department and must comply with rules adopted by the department.

(4) An institution or a university that implements an industrial hemp pilot project shall develop partnerships with qualified project partners to attract experts and investors experienced with agriculture and may develop the pilot project in partnership with public, nonprofit, and private entities in accordance with this section and all applicable state and federal laws.

(5) The research office of an institution or a university that implements an industrial hemp pilot project shall oversee the pilot project and ensure compliance with rules adopted by the department. The office must identify a contact person who is
responsible for oversight of the pilot project and shall adopt procedures and guidelines to ensure the proper operation of the pilot project, the proper handling of hemp material and products, compliance with state and federal law, and the safety and security of the pilot project facility. At a minimum, the guidelines must:

(a) Designate the physical location, global positioning system position, and map of the pilot project facility. Areas within the facility must be designated as general access or limited access. An area where hemp material is cultivated, processed, stored, or packaged or where industrial hemp research is conducted must be designated as limited access. Limited-access areas must be restricted to entry by qualified program personnel and authorized visitors accompanied at all times by qualified program personnel. All other areas of the facility may be designated as general access and are open to authorized visitors, regardless of whether accompanied by qualified program personnel.

(b) Identify the qualified program personnel involved in the pilot project who meet the requirements of 21 CFR s. 1301.18 pursuant to the Agricultural Act of 2014, 7 U.S.C. s. 5940.

(c) Authorize the qualified program personnel to handle, grow, cultivate, process, and manufacture hemp materials.

(d) Establish a testing program and protocols to ensure the proper labeling of hemp material.
(6) An industrial hemp commercialization project may only be conducted after an industrial hemp pilot project has been in place for 2 years to determine if there are any adverse impacts of hemp cultivation on current indigenous crops in the state.

(6) An institution or a university that implements an industrial hemp pilot project shall submit a report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives on the status of its pilot project and any research related to the cultivation, harvesting, processing, and uses of industrial hemp. The report must be prepared and submitted within 2 years after the pilot project is implemented.

Title Amendment

Remove line 286 and insert:
industrial hemp pilot projects; removing a condition for the implementation of industrial hemp commercialization projects; providing an effective