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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Appropriations Committee
2 Representative Massullo offered the following:

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4 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

5 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

6 Section 1. Section 570.0855 Florida Statutes, is created
7 to read:

8 570.0855 Industrial hemp research programs.-

9 (1) The Legislature finds that:

10 (a) Industrial hemp may be a suitable crop for this state,
11 and its production could contribute positively to the future of
12 agriculture in the state.

13 (b) A viable industrial hemp program would create new
14 business opportunities and jobs in communities throughout the
15 state.

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16 (c) As a food crop, industrial hemp seeds and oil produced
17 from the seeds have high nutritional value, including healthy
18 fats and proteins.

19 (d) As a fiber crop, industrial hemp can be used in the
20 manufacture of products such as clothing, building supplies, and
21 animal bedding.

22 (e) As a fuel crop, industrial hemp seeds can be processed
23 into biodiesel and stalks can be pelletized or flaked for
24 burning or processed for cellulosic ethanol.

25 (f) The production of industrial hemp can play an
26 important role in farm land management as part of a crop
27 rotation system.

28 (2) As used in this section, the term:

29 (a) "Industrial hemp" means the plant *Cannabis sativa L.*
30 and any part of such plant, whether growing or not, with a
31 delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of not more than 0.3
32 percent on a dry-weight basis as defined in s. 7606(b)(2) of the
33 Agricultural Act of 2014, 7 U.S.C. 5940. A plant that meets the
34 definition of industrial hemp under this subsection is not
35 cannabis as defined in chapter 893.

36 (b) "Industrial hemp research project" means a project
37 associated with an industrial hemp program that includes any
38 aspect of research, cultivation, harvesting, processing,
39 testing, marketing, commercial sales, and uses of approved

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40 industrial hemp agricultural, industrial, and commercial
41 products.

42 (3) Any land grant university in the state that has a
43 college of agriculture, upon approval by its board of trustees,
44 may engage in an industrial hemp program consistent with the
45 Agricultural Act of 2014, 7 U.S.C. 5940. The purpose of the
46 program is to conduct research projects related to the
47 cultivation, harvesting, processing, testing, marketing,
48 commercial sales, and to identify rural areas of the state that
49 would benefit from the commercialization of industrial hemp.

50 (4) (a) In implementing an industrial hemp program, the
51 college or university shall adopt rules to ensure the proper
52 operation and security of the program. At a minimum, the rules
53 must:

54 1. Establish minimum security standards for the growing,
55 handling, and processing of industrial hemp.

56 2. Designate the physical location of the industrial hemp
57 project facility. Areas must be designated within the facility
58 as general access or limited access. An area where industrial
59 hemp is cultivated, processed, stored, or packaged, or where
60 industrial hemp research is conducted, must be designated as
61 limited access. Access to limited-access areas is restricted to
62 authorized personnel and authorized visitors. All other areas of
63 the project facility may be designated as general access and
64 open to authorized visitors accompanied by authorized personnel.

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65 3. Establish seed procurement and storage standards. At a
66 minimum, all seed must be certified by the university legally
67 imported under United States Drug Enforcement Agency regulation
68 21 CFR, Section 1312.13, parts (a) and (b).

69 4. Establish testing processes of industrial hemp plants
70 to ensure that all samples comply with the chemical properties
71 defined in paragraph 2(a).

72 5. Establish storage, packaging, and labeling requirements
73 for raw hemp material.

74 6. Facilitate coordination with state and local law
75 enforcement agencies to ensure the program complies with this
76 section and other state and federal laws.

77 7. Establish a seed-to-product testing program and
78 research protocols to ensure the proper chemical composition and
79 labeling of hemp material.

80 (b) To the fullest extent feasible, industrial hemp
81 projects should be implemented in rural agricultural areas of
82 the state where the potential for enhancing agricultural
83 economic development is high.

84 (c) An industrial hemp commercialization project may only
85 be conducted after an industrial hemp program has been in place
86 for 2 years. A university shall delay a industrial hemp
87 commercialization project if the university is not satisfied
88 their research establishes that industrial hemp does not pose a

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89 risk as an invasive species or entomological risk to agriculture
90 industry in the state.

91 (5) To the fullest extent feasible, an industrial hemp
92 program shall be financed through private resources. All costs
93 incurred by an industrial hemp program shall be funded through
94 federal grants or private funding.

95 (6) Within 4 years after implementing an industrial hemp
96 program, the university shall submit a report to the Governor,
97 the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
98 Representatives on the status of the program and any research
99 related to the cultivation, harvesting, processing, and uses of
100 industrial hemp, as well as identification of rural areas of the
101 state that would benefit from the commercialization of
102 industrial hemp and any recommendations for implementing such
103 commercialization.

104 (7) (a) This section does not prohibit any research on
105 cannabis pursuant to ss. 2 and 4, chapter 2016-123, Laws of
106 Florida, lawfully conducted before, on, or after the effective
107 date of this section.

108 (b) This section does not authorize the use of any
109 industrial hemp product for medical use. Any medical use of
110 industrial hemp is limited to and governed by s. 381.986.

111 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.
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T I T L E A M E N D M E N T

Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to industrial hemp programs; creating s.
570.0855, F.S.; providing legislative findings; providing
definitions; authorizing specified state universities to engage
in industrial hemp programs under certain conditions; providing
program purpose and requirements; requiring universities to
pursue private funding for the program; requiring a report to
the Governor and Legislature; providing applicability; providing
an effective date.