



Bill Title: Hemp Production

Bill Number: ESSSB 5276

Effective Date: April 26, 2019

Amends: RCW 69.50.101, RCW 69.50.204, RCW 15.120.020

Summary

This bill:

- Establishes a new licensing and regulatory program for hemp production in Washington state under the Department of Agriculture
- Gives the Department of Agriculture sole regulatory authority over the production of hemp—to include issuing hemp producer licenses and charging application and renewal fees
- Requires the Department of Agriculture to develop the state's plan to conform to the federal Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018
- Requires the Department of Agriculture to develop a postharvest test protocol
- Creates the Hemp Regulatory Account
- Clarifies that there is no distance requirement, limitation, or buffer zone between licensed hemp producers or processors and licensed marijuana producers or processors
- Requires the Department of Agriculture to consult with the LCB in reviewing the state's cross-pollination and pollen capture policies and modify or establish new policies as appropriate

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