

**Federal and State Industrial Hemp Legislation**  
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**2014 Federal Farm Bill**

- §7606 legitimized industrial hemp research for institutions of higher education and state departments of agriculture.
- Allowed state universities and departments of agriculture to grow hemp.
- Defined “industrial hemp” as any part of the *Cannabis sativa L.* plant containing no more than 0.3% TCH concentration on a dry weight basis.



**2018 Kansas SB 263**

- Established the Alternative Crop Research Act
- Used the federal definition of “industrial hemp” (less than 0.3% THC concentration).
- Allowed the KDA, alone or in coordination with a state institute of higher education, to create an industrial hemp pilot program to grow and cultivate industrial hemp and promote the research and development of industrial hemp in accordance with federal law.

**2018 Federal Farm Bill**

- Changed federal policy regarding industrial hemp, including removing industrial hemp from the Controlled Substances Act.
- Allowed states and Indian tribes to submit a plan and apply for regulatory authority over the production of hemp in their state or tribal territory (§297B).



**2019 Kansas Senate Sub. for  
HB 2167**

- Establishes the Commercial Industrial Hemp Act
- Defines “commercial” as the cultivation or production of industrial hemp for purposes other than research.
- Requires the KDA, in consultation with the Governor and Attorney General, to submit a plan to the USDA (per the 2018 Farm Bill) under which the KDA would monitor and regulate production of industrial hemp in Kansas in accordance with federal law.
- Requires the Secretary of Agriculture to promulgate rules and regulations.