

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2019
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB457

Hearing Date: Wednesday February 13, 2019
Committee On: Judiciary
Introducer: Lathrop
One Liner: Define and redefine terms relating to industrial hemp under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Brandt, Chambers, DeBoer, Lathrop, Morfeld, Pansing Brooks, Slama, Wayne
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Steve Lathrop
Jennifer Georgi Davis
Jacob Bish
James Wilson
Blair McDonald
Andrew Bish
Bill Hawkins
John Hansen

Representing:

Introducer
Safe Haven Nutrition
Hemp Harvest Works
self
21st Century Agricultural Opportunity Coalition
self
Nebraska Hemp Company
Nebraska Farmers Union

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Marvin Havlat

Representing:

self

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB457 would amend Sec. 28-401 to add a definition of industrial hemp and exclude industrial hemp from the definition of a controlled substance.

The bill would also add a definition of industrial hemp in the new subsection (13). Industrial hemp is defined as the plant *Cannabis sativa L.*, including any derivatives and products derived therefrom, with a THC concentration of not more than 0.3%. The remaining subsections are then renumbered.

The bill would also amend the definition of marijuana to generally exclude industrial hemp and remove the narrow exclusion for industrial hemp possessed for research purposes pursuant to Sec. 2-5701.

The bill would amend the definition of hashish or concentrated cannabis currently contained in subsection (27) to remove a narrow exclusion for resins extracted from industrial hemp pursuant to Sec. 2-5701 and replace it with a more

general exclusion for resins extracted from industrial hemp, as defined in the bill.

Steve Lathrop, Chairperson