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Concerning Hemp as an Agricultural Commodity*¹

Hemp for use in food and other consumable goods

Background: When Colorado passed Amendment 64 and the subsequent hemp bill – the first and most permissive of its kind in the entire nation – Colorado’s hemp industry boomed. There are currently more acres of hemp being grown in our state than all other states combined. Unfortunately, Colorado hemp companies still face regressive interpretations of law from rogue federal agencies and overwhelmed local agencies which have ignored the directive set forth by Congress in section 7606 of the Federal FARM bill and the intent of the Colorado legislature as set forth in SB 13-241. This bill will add necessary protections to the hemp industry and strengthen the position that hemp is a traditional and economically necessary agricultural and industrial commodity in all its applications

Summary: This bill modifies Colorado’s existing legislation and regulations concerning industrial hemp. Specifically, this bill: (a) clearly and properly establishes the definition “industrial hemp product”; (b) establishes a system and certain rules for processing of industrial hemp that are compatible with necessary and applicable local, state, and federal laws as they exist for comparable industrial and commercial commodities; (c) amends the Colorado Pure Food and Drug Act to provide for the licensing of wholesale food manufacturers of industrial hemp products and exclude “industrial hemp” and “industrial hemp products” from consideration as adulterated and/or misbranded substances while prohibiting unfair discriminatory practices by state agencies ; and, (d) allows for industrial hemp products to be used as animal and livestock feed.

What CHAAC Does and Why to Support:

- Provides clarity and direction to regulatory agencies at a local and state level regarding the regulation of industrial hemp as a traditional agricultural commodity.
- Protects our farmers and small business owners, by allowing hemp to be regulated in the market as a traditional crop and agricultural and industrial commodity, thus securing jobs and allowing for further economic growth.

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- Ensures that Colorado grown and manufactured hemp products are safe for human and animal consumption and commercial use by meeting basic requirements of comparable commodities and industries.

Our priority is to safeguard the hemp industry as it currently operates in Colorado. Colorado hemp products should be treated with the same respect and fairness as internationally imported and produced hemp products. All parts of the hemp plant that are naturally occurring should be given equitable treatment in the marketplace.

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