



**COLORADO
HEMP INDUSTRIES
ASSOCIATION**

The Colorado Hemp Industries Association supports the passage of SB18-205.

The Colorado Hemp Industries Association is proud to introduce our first piece of legislation for the 2018 session. Bill SB18-205 -Industrial Hemp Designation Agricultural Product is being heard for the first time this Thursday March 22 2018 in the Senate Committee on AGRICULTURE, NATURAL RESOURCES, & ENERGY at 1:30pm. This bill will create recognition at the state level that will support the regulation of Industrial Hemp by the Colorado Department of Agriculture and treat hemp the same as other agriculture commodities. Additional reasons for our support of SB18-205 are included below.

1. This bill will allow the Colorado Department of Agriculture to regulate hemp as it does other commodities.
2. This includes giving the Colorado Department of Agriculture discretion to determine the appropriate fee scheme for managing industrial hemp as it does other farm products and commodity handlers.
3. Hemp should be treated equally to corn, wheat, and other recognized Agricultural commodities. Those registrations are protective of farmers and the transaction/sale to sell unprocessed hemp materials to processors.
4. The legislation will help the Department adhere to standard operating procedures required by "conventional" commodities, which will establish confidence s the Hemp Industry in Colorado continues to expand.
5. This designation will create a pathway for COHIA to begin working to create a Market Order for industrial hemp joining:wheat, sunflowers, corn, sweet corn, potatoes and dry beans and milk.

Other Organizations who support the passage of SB18-205 include:

The Hoban Law Group
Power Zone Agriculture
Salt Creek Hemp Company
Pure Vision Technology
CBDRx
Restorative Botanicals
Industrial Hemp Research Foundation
Bluebird Botanicals
Elixinol

Thank you and we look forward to the recognition of industrial hemp as an agricultural product in Colorado.