



COLORADO
HEMP INDUSTRIES
ASSOCIATION

April 17th, 2018

The Colorado Hemp Industries Association does not support HB18-1187 as originally written.

Sponsors: Senators Cooke and Moreno; Representatives Buckner and Landgraf

On behalf of the COHIA board of directors, its members and the hemp industry in Colorado we do **not support HB18-1187 without the carve out language included below**. It is important for both COHIA, and the industry to be a contributor to any conversation that concerns industrial hemp. COHIA is working to include language that guarantees protection for hemp based cbd companies operating lawfully in the state of Colorado.

While not supportive of the bills original language; COHIA supports the recent revisions set forth by the Colorado hemp policy round table for the following reasons:

1. As the hemp industry continues to mature across the country, we will have to work with pharma companies seeking market space.
2. Rather than make arguments against these bills, it is in the best interest of the hemp industry and our COHIA members to steer proper legislation and regulation with constructive dialogue.

We have heard questions and feedback from many of our members and continue to work with legislators, lobbyists and other stakeholders to ensure that the bill, if passed, ensures the strongest protections for industrial hemp possible. As part of our dedication to protecting our hemp industry; please see the carve out language below:

HB18-1187 be amended as follows:

- 1 Amend printed bill, strike everything below the enacting clause and
- 2 substitute:

3 "SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-18-406, add (8)

4 as follows:

5 18-18-406. Offenses relating to marijuana and marijuana

6 concentrate - definitions. (8) (a) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION DO

7 NOT APPLY TO ANY PERSON WHO POSSESSES, USES, PRESCRIBES,

8 DISPENSES, MANUFACTURES, DISTRIBUTES, OR ADMINISTERS A UNITED

9 STATES FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION-APPROVED-PRESCRIPTION

10 DRUG , PURSUANT TO PART 1 OF ARTICLE 42.5 OF TITLE 12 OR PART 2

11 OF ARTICLE 80 OF TITLE 27.

12 (b) NOTHING IN THIS SUBSECTION (8) OR ANY OTHER PROVISION OF

13 LAW SHALL RESTRICT OR OTHERWISE AFFECT ACCESS TO:

14 (I) MARIJUANA THAT IS AUTHORIZED UNDER SECTIONS 14 AND 16

15 OF ARTICLE XVIII OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION AND ARTICLES 43.3

16 AND 43.4 OF TITLE 12; OR

17 (II) INDUSTRIAL HEMP AND DERIVATIVES THEREFROM, AS

18 AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 16 OF ARTICLE XVIII OF THE COLORADO

19 CONSTITUTION AND ARTICLE 61 OF TITLE 35.

