

BIG SKY SCIENTIFIC APPLAUDS HOUSE 63-7 VOTE IN IDAHO LEGISLATURE THAT WILL LEGALIZE HEMP

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Aurora, Colo. – Big Sky Scientific applauds recent legislative actions of the Idaho House of Representatives, which on March 18 voted 63-7 for the Hemp Research and Development Act that would legalize hemp.

The bill, HB122, now moves to the state Senate for consideration. Since Idaho's bill was introduced on Feb. 8, New Mexico and Wyoming have legalized hemp, leaving Idaho as the only western state where it remains illegal.

"Idaho is the only state in the West that does not recognize industrial hemp," said Elijah Watkins, partner at Stoel Rives LLP and counsel for Big Sky. "Now the people of Idaho are speaking through their state legislature in support of the industry."

"Big Sky is hopeful that Idaho's Senate and Gov. Brad Little will follow the lead set by the Idaho House and approve legislation that will finally bring Idaho in line with the rest of the country," said Ryan Shore, Big Sky's CEO. The bill approved by the House is posted at Big Sky's website at bigskysci.com.

Industrial hemp has been removed from the federal Controlled Substances Act registry and is now legal in the U.S. Big Sky recently purchased hemp from a hemp farmer, licensed by the Oregon Department of Agriculture, and was shipping it to Colorado when it was seized on Interstate 84 after the truck driver voluntarily stopped at a weigh station outside of Boise.

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