

**UPDATED SUMMARY  
SENATE BILL 15-196**

**First Regular Session - Seventieth Colorado General Assembly**

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*This summary applies to the reengrossed version of this bill as introduced in the second house. It does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. This summary reflects only the main points of the legislation.*

The bill expands the industrial hemp committee to include a representative from cannabidiol industry and a representative from the certified seed growers industry. The bill requires the department of agriculture to administer an industrial hemp certified seed program (program). The department may import seeds for the program. ~~The commissioner of agriculture (commissioner), in consultation with the industrial hemp committee and independent seed producers, shall promulgate rules for the program. The commissioner shall designate laboratories that an industrial hemp registrant may use for THC concentration testing purposes.~~ The bill permits retail marijuana testing facility licensees to test industrial hemp. *for THC concentration levels. If a hemp registrant wants a licensed retail marijuana testing facility to test its industrial hemp, the registrant shall use a radio frequency identification-based inventory tracking system approved by the commissioner of agriculture for a sample of the registrant's industrial hemp crop. A licensed retail testing facility shall provide the test results to the registrant and the commissioner.* All test results shall be considered confidential business information. This section shall not be construed to prevent the use of the tracking system for other purposes. Current law provides criminal immunity from those processing, selling, and distributing industrial hemp. The bill extends that immunity to transporting and possessing hemp.

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