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LEGISLATIVE REVIEW OF ADOPTED REGULATIONS AS REQUIRED BY NRS 233B.066

INFORMATIONAL STATEMENT LCB File No. R188-24

The following statement is submitted for adopted amendments to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 555.

a) A clear and concise explanation of the need for the adopted regulation.

This adopted regulation is needed to align state and federal definitions and regulations to maintain a federally compliant hemp program in Nevada. Compliance with federal law is required for Nevada hemp to enter the national marketplace.

b) A description of how public comment was solicited, a summary of the public response and an explanation of how other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.

Copies of the proposed regulations, notices of workshop and notices of intent to act upon the regulation were sent by email to persons who were known to have an interest in the subject of NAC 557 as well as any persons who had specifically requested such notice.

These documents were also posted and made available at the following locations:

- Nevada Department of Agriculture, 405 S. 21st St., Sparks, NV 89431
- Nevada Department of Agriculture, 2300 E. Saint Louis Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89104
- Nevada Department of Agriculture, 4780 E. Idaho St., Elko, NV 89801
- Nevada Department of Agriculture website at agri.nv.gov
- Nevada Public Notice website at <https://notice.nv.gov/>
- Nevada Legislature Administrative Regulation notices at <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/Notice/A/>

A workshop was held on March 3, 2026. The hearing was held on April 14, 2026, and the minutes of that meeting, attached hereto, contain a summary of the discussion held regarding the proposed amendments.

A copy of this summary of the public response to the proposed regulation may be obtained from the Nevada Department of Agriculture, Attn: Dyan Reece, 405 S. 21st St., Sparks, NV 89431, (775) 353-3670, or d.reece@agri.nv.gov.

c) The number of persons who:

1) Attended each hearing;

14 persons attended the hearing

2) Testified at each hearing; and

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0 attendees testified.

3) Submitted to the agency written statements.

No written comments were received

d) For each person identified in subparagraphs (2) and (3) of paragraph (c), the following information if provided to the agency conducting the hearing:

- 1) Name;**
- 2) Telephone number;**
- 3) Business address;**
- 4) Business telephone number;**
- 5) Electronic mail address; and**
- 6) Name of entity or organization represented.**

e) A description of how comment was solicited from affected businesses, a summary of their response and an explanation of how other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.

The NDA launched a small business impact survey on January 5, 2026 and closed it on January 19, 2026. The survey was posted to NDA's website and social media accounts. In addition, it was distributed to an email list comprised of 9,134 recipients (2,616 of which opened the email), including past and current registered Growers, Handlers, and Seed Producers within the State of Nevada. A statistical analysis of the survey results was compiled and considered upon the closing of the survey. The survey also included open-ended questions, and the comments received were also considered. A workshop was held on March 3, 2026 to review the proposed changes and receive public comment to help shape the final proposed language. Additional comments could be submitted following the workshop. A hearing was held on April 14, 2026.

- Of the total 27 survey respondents, 14 responded to the question asking if they are currently registered with the Nevada Department of Agriculture under the Industrial Hemp Program.
 - 2 respondents answered yes.
 - 12 respondents answered no.
- 14 respondents answered the question asking if they are a registered Grower, Handler, or Seed Producer.
 - 2 respondents answered that they are Growers.
 - 2 respondents answered that they are Handlers.
 - 2 respondents answered that they are Seed Producers.
 - 12 respondents answered with "other".
- 5 survey respondents replied to the question asking if their business falls under the definition of a small business as defined by NRS233B.0382.:
 - 4 indicated that they fall under the definition of a small business, 1 did not.
 - Question regarding the number of employees their business has:
 - 3 respondents indicated that they have 1-15 employees.
 - 1 respondent indicated that they have 16-30 employees.
 - 1 respondent indicated that they have 46-60 employees.

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- 3 survey respondents replied to the question asking if the proposed changes to NAC 557 would impact their ability to do business:
 - 2 respondents replied “no”, 1 respondent replied with “unknown”.

A complete summary can be obtained by contacting the NDA at (775) 353-3670 or d.reece@agri.nv.gov.

f) If the regulation was adopted without changing any part of the proposed regulation, a summary of the reasons for adopting the regulation without change.

The NDA did not receive questions or public comment related to this regulation.

g) The estimated economic effect of the regulation on the business which it is to regulate and on the public. These must be stated separately, and in each case must include:

- **Adverse economic effect on regulated businesses**
The NDA does not anticipate an adverse effect on regulated businesses
- **Beneficial economic effect on regulated businesses**
The NDA does not anticipate a new beneficial economic effect on regulated businesses. The regulation will maintain regulated businesses’ ability to participate in the national marketplace
- **Immediate economic effect on regulated business**
The NDA does not anticipate an adverse effect on regulated businesses
- **Long-term economic effect on regulated business**
The NDA anticipates this regulation will maintain the current economic environment for regulated businesses. This regulation will maintain regulated businesses’ ability to participate in the national marketplace.
- **Adverse economic effect on the public**
The NDA does not anticipate an adverse economic effect on the public
- **Beneficial economic effect on the public**
The NDA does not anticipate a beneficial economic effect on the public
- **Immediate economic effect on the public**
The NDA does not anticipate an immediate economic effect on the public
- **Long-term economic effect on the public**
The NDA does not anticipate a long-term economic effect on the public

h) The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the proposed regulation.

The NDA does not estimate any costs associated with enforcement of this proposed regulation. These revisions will add minor administrative work such as communication with industry to notify them of the updated language in the regulations.

i) A description of any regulations of other state or government agencies which the proposed regulation overlaps or duplicates and a statement explaining why the duplication or overlapping is necessary. If the regulation overlaps or duplicates a federal regulation, the name of the regulating federal agency.

The proposed regulation references definitions in 7 C.F.R. § 990.1, creating concurrence between state and federal regulations. The NDA is required to maintain a USDA approved Hemp State Plan to enable hemp

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production and sale in Nevada pursuant to the 2018 Farm Bill. These changes are necessary to align state and federal definitions to maintain an approved Hemp State Plan. Although this regulation is concurrent with federal regulation, the only entity enforcing the regulation is the State of Nevada through administration of the Nevada State Hemp Plan.

j) If the regulation includes provisions which are more stringent than a federal regulation which regulates the same activity, a summary of such provisions.

This regulation does not include provisions which are more stringent than federal regulation. The proposed regulation references definitions in 7 C.F.R. § 990.1 creating concurrence between state and federal law as required by the Nevada Hemp State Plan.

k) If the regulation provides a new fee or increases an existing fee, the total annual amount the agency expects to collect and the manner in which the money will be used.

The regulation does not provide a new fee or increase an existing fee.

NAC 557 Adoption Hearing Minutes from 04/14/2026

Division of Plant Health and Compliance

MEETING MINUTES

Of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 557 of the Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA)

LCB File No. R188-24

The Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA) held a public meeting on April 14th, 2026 beginning at 10:00 am at the following location(s):

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Phone and/or video conference via:

Meeting ID: 244 054 717 680 8
Access code: p5V7v8Qv

Persons in attendance:

- JJ Goicoechea, DVM, Director, Nevada Department of Agriculture
- Ray Saliga, Deputy Administrator, NDA Division of Plant Health and Compliance
- Dyan R. Reece, Administrative Assistant III
- Kailey Keenen-Garren, Agriculturist IV
- Rheanna Jackson, Agriculturist II

- Leycha Ortiz-Carlos Agriculturist II
- Teresa Hayes, Health Program Manager NDA Food, Sparks
- Aaron Cuellar, Deputy Attorney General, Nevada Attorney General's Office
- Emily Bordelove, Nevada Attorney General's Office
- Alex Tanchek
- Miranda Hoover, Energy and Convenience Association of Nevada
- Candace Wells, Office of US Senator Rosen
- Deputy District Director Ishmael Carroll, Office of US House Representative Horsford
- David Watkowski, Clark County Business Licenses

I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Deputy Administrator Ray Saliga. Deputy Administrator Saliga noted that the adoption hearing was properly noticed and was recorded. Deputy Administrator Saliga provided a summary of the proposed language and a review of the rulemaking process prior to and after the hearing. Deputy Administrator Saliga provided tips for participation using Microsoft Teams and instructions for speaking.

II. Public Comment (1st period): 10:07 am

Deputy Administrator Ray Saliga asked if anyone from the public wished to provide a comment for the record. No comments were received.

III. Reading and Discussion of Proposed Regulations (for possible action)

Deputy Administrator Saliga outlined the proposed changes with the goal of aligning state and federal definitions and regulations to maintain a federally compliant hemp program. Deputy Administrator Saliga asked for questions regarding these changes; no questions were received.

Deputy Administrator Saliga thanked the public and industry representatives for their participation, and stated that based on the input received, the Department will adopt R188-24.

IV. Public Comment (2nd period): 10:12 am

Deputy Administrator Ray Saliga asked if anyone from the public wished to provide a comment for the record.

Deputy District Director, Ishmael Carroll, Office of US House Representative Horsford provided a comment of general support and offer of assistance from his office.

V. Adjourn

Deputy Administrator Ray Saliga thanked the hearing attendees for their participation and adjourned the meeting at 10:14 am.