

DRAFTER'S NOTE
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Heather:

This bill does not create a new exception to the prohibitions against manufacturing, distributing, delivering, or possessing controlled substances to exempt the UW industrial hemp research project from the prohibitions. A new exception is not necessary, because current law already exempts from controlled substances prohibitions those persons who are registered under federal law to manufacture, distribute, dispense, or conduct research with controlled substances. See s. 961.32 (1), stats. The provision of the bill that directs UW to study industrial hemp requires that the UW first obtain all required federal permits for the research. If UW obtains the requisite federal permits, it will be exempt from controlled substance criminal prohibitions under s. 961.32 (1), stats.

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