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1 2 3 4 5	STATE OF ILLINOIS  NINETY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY  SENATE  Senate Resolution No. 49  Offered by Senators Bowles and Sieben
6 7 8	WHEREAS, Industrial hemp is a valuable product in the commercial marketplace, creating jobs and opening up new markets and fields for employment and revenue; and
9 10 11	WHEREAS, Several states have begun the process of enacting legislation that would legalize industrial hemp production and sales in those states; and
12 13 14 15	WHEREAS, Hawaii, Vermont, Colorado, Minnesota, North Dakota, New Mexico, Virginia, Montana, and Missouri have all introduced legislation regarding industrial hemp in their 1999 legislatures; and
16 17 18 19	WHEREAS, An investigation into the merits and values of industrial hemp is needed to consider whether the State of Illinois should consider passing legislation to implement the production of industrial hemp; and
20 21 22	WHEREAS, An investigative task force would be able to take the time and facilitate the necessary research to examine the hemp issue; therefore, be it
23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that there is created the Industrial Hemp Investigative and Advisory Task Force consisting of the Director of Agriculture or his or her designee, who shall be chairperson, and 12 additional members, 6 each, selected by the President of the Senate and the Minority Leader of the Senate, representing expertise in the fields of plant science, food processing science, law enforcement, herbology, or manufacturing; members of the
32	Task Force shall serve without compensation but shall be
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viability of industrial hemp production in this State, shall
identify any legal or other obstacles to industrial hemp
production, shall make any recommendations it deems
appropriate, and shall report its findings and
recommendations to the Illinois Senate by January 1, 2000
and upon reporting to the Senate, the Task Force shall be
dissolved; and be it further
RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall meet initially at the
call of the chairperson and shall hold public hearings; and
be it further
RESOLVED, That the University of Illinois College of ACES
(Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences) is
requested to work with the Task Force and cooperate in
undertaking the study; and be it further
RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
delivered to the President of the University of Illinois and
the Illinois Director of Agriculture.
Adopted by the Senate, March 23, 1999.
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Secretary of the Senate

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