

# Representative Grier Hopkins

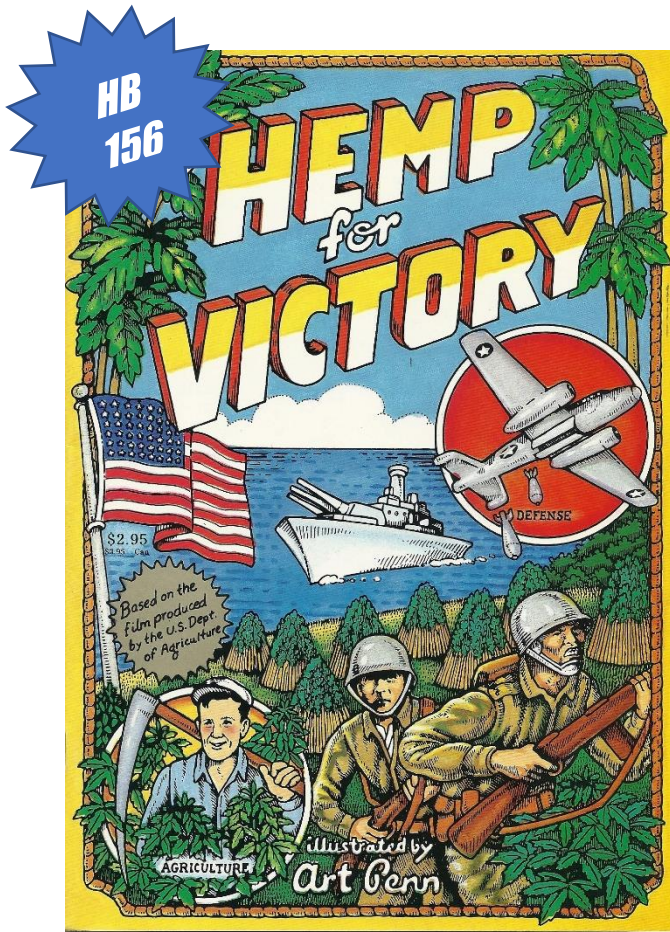


## ALASKA STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

### House Bill 156

### An Act relating to Industrial Hemp

### Sponsor Statement



The 30<sup>th</sup> Alaska Legislature saw the unanimous passage of Senate Bill 6, which established a pilot Industrial Hemp Program in Alaska. With the passage of the 2018 Farm Bill, the United States Congress changed federal requirements for state industrial hemp programs.

HB 156 will empower the Alaska Division of Agriculture to work constructively with Alaskan farmers and the federal government to create a new Industrial Hemp program compliant with federal guidelines.

It is my hope that these changes will result in a new, thriving industry for Alaska farmers and manufacturers, diversity in our economy and increased state revenues.

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