
OVERSEEING A BUDDING INDUSTRY

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The committee concluded its work on the study with the following findings and recommendations:

Possible findings:

- Stakeholders were generally satisfied with the implementation of the recreational marijuana program. Throughout the interim, multiple industry groups, licensees, and tribes provided input on ways to improve the program.
- Revenue and tax collections were higher than anticipated.
- Administrative rule review will continue to be a topic of discussion as the program develops.
- Voters in counties are opting to add local tax to both recreational and medical marijuana, with initiatives on ballots in every election during the interim.
- An extension of the moratorium on licenses for cultivators, manufacturers, and dispensaries may be necessary in order to further study the development of the recreational program.

Possible recommendations:

- Amend marijuana statutes to address concerns of stakeholders.
- The Department of Agriculture and the Department of Revenue should continue to examine the development of delta-8 and delta-10 THC products and other intoxicating and synthetic products to address the proper regulation of these emerging products.
- The Legislature may consider re-evaluating some of the fee and tier structures, including the fee structure for manufacturers and additional tiers for cultivators.
- Transfer the marijuana testing lab authority from the Department of Public Health and Human Services to the Department of Revenue to create efficiencies in program administration.

The committee voted to introduce PD0001 to the 68th Legislature, which is:

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING MARIJUANA LAWS; CLARIFYING LEGISLATIVE MONITORING DUTIES; CLARIFYING PERMISSIVE ACTS AND EXCEPTIONS FOR REGISTERED CARDHOLDERS; CLARIFYING PENALTIES; REVISING PENALTIES FOR SUSPENDED LICENSES; TRANSFERRING AUTHORITY OVER MARIJUANA TESTING LABORATORIES; EXTENDING THE MORATORIUM FOR NEW MARIJUANA LICENSES; COMBINING SECTIONS ON LEGISLATIVE MONITORING; REMOVING THE IDENTITY DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENT FOR LICENSEE COMPLAINTS; REMOVING OUTDATED DATES; REMOVING THE BACKGROUND CHECK REQUIREMENT; CLARIFYING THE MINIMUM AGE TO ENTER A MARIJUANA BUSINESS; CLARIFYING LEGISLATIVE INTENT ON A CULTIVATOR'S ABILITY TO INCREASE TIERS; REVISING REQUIREMENTS FOR A COMBINED-USE LICENSE; REVISING REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR EMPLOYEE CONVICTIONS OR VIOLATIONS; COMBINING SECTIONS ON FRAUDULENT REPRESENTATION; CLARIFYING THE FORMULA FOR MUNICIPAL TAX REVENUE ALLOCATION; REMOVING CONFLICTING NOTICE REQUIREMENTS; REVISING DEFINITIONS; AMENDING SECTIONS; REPEALING SECTIONS; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES."