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Subject:

Marijuana consumption lounges

Comment:

Committee members: Marijuana consumption lounges are very concerning for the following reasons: 1. There is no current education for marijuana dispensary workers on responsible sales and service like there is for responsible alcohol sales and service. 2. The Department of Revenue does not have the capacity to inspect/enforce the existing laws and regulations and hold the marijuana industry accountable. 3. Any indoor consumption lounge would be in conflict with the Montana Clean Indoor Air Act. This is an approach to repeal the Montana Clean Indoor Air Act. 4. DUIs will increase with the allowance of consumption lounges. More access to consume marijuana products that already have high potency only increases the number of impaired drivers on Montana roads. Not rocket science. 5. What provisions will be in place to safeguard the public health and safety of our youth in keeping them out of the lounges and decreasing access to marijuana products? 6. What provisions will be in place to safeguard the health and safety of marijuana industry workers who work in the lounges? Looks like a tobacco industry ploy - and we learned that employers are held liable for "bad air". 7. Just because other states are "doing it" - doesn't mean Montana should. This is a very bad idea with many unknown harms. Thank you.

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