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By Representative Klippert

1 On page 23, after line 32 of the striking amendment, insert the  
2 following:

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4 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 20.** (1) A state cannabis industry  
5 coordinating committee is established, with members as provided in  
6 this subsection.

7 (a) The president of the senate shall appoint one member from each  
8 of the two largest caucuses of the senate.

9 (b) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint one  
10 member from each of the two largest caucuses of the house of  
11 representatives.

12 (c) The governor shall appoint members representing the following  
13 state agencies:

- 14 (i) The liquor control board;  
15 (ii) The department of health;  
16 (iii) The department of commerce;  
17 (iv) The department of revenue;  
18 (v) The office of the treasurer;  
19 (vi) The department of agriculture;  
20 (vii) The department of financial institutions; and  
21 (viii) The Washington state patrol.

22 (d) The governor shall appoint seven members representing medical  
23 marijuana patients as follows:

- 24 (i) A health care professional with experience authorizing  
25 qualifying patients for the medical use of marijuana;  
26 (ii) Two qualifying patients or their designated providers;  
27 (iii) A medical marijuana advocate;

1 (iv) A medical marijuana producer;  
2 (v) A medical marijuana processor; and  
3 (vi) A medical marijuana retailer or a person with experience  
4 providing marijuana to or consulting with qualifying patients.

5 (e) One representative each from the association of Washington  
6 cities and the Washington state association of counties.

7 (f) One representative of the Washington association of sheriffs  
8 and police chiefs.

9 (g) One representative of a statewide organization representing  
10 prosecuting attorneys.

11 (h) The governor shall appoint up to nine industry stakeholders  
12 representing established and emerging markets for the use of cannabis  
13 including, but not limited to, the various commercial uses of  
14 industrial hemp, food processing, farmers' markets, tourism, banking,  
15 and other uses that may be relevant.

16 (2) The committee must appoint its cochairs, one of which shall be  
17 from among its legislative membership. The committee shall make rules  
18 for orderly procedure and, in addition to the subcommittee required in  
19 subsection (3) of this section, the committee may form subcommittees  
20 to accomplish its work.

21 (3) The committee shall appoint a medical marijuana subcommittee  
22 for the purpose of reviewing and making recommendations on the  
23 following issues:

24 (a) Whether RCW 69.50.331(8) prevents the siting of marijuana  
25 retailers who hold medical marijuana endorsements and what may be done  
26 to assist the state and local governments in siting these retail  
27 outlets;

28 (b) Whether there is a need for retail outlets that are licensed  
29 to only sell medical marijuana to qualifying patients or designated  
30 providers;

31 (c) Whether a marijuana producer or marijuana processor  
32 endorsement should be established to permit a producer or processor to  
33 sell directly to qualifying patients and designated providers and  
34 whether these licensees are producing marijuana concentrates, useable

1 marijuana, and marijuana-infused products that are meeting the needs  
2 of medical marijuana patients;

3 (d) Whether posttraumatic stress disorder should be added to  
4 terminal or debilitating medical conditions that qualify a person for  
5 the medical use of marijuana;

6 (e) Whether a different method of taxation should be established  
7 for those products designated by the liquor control board as being  
8 beneficial for qualifying patients and designated providers. This  
9 includes whether these products should be taxed at a different rate  
10 than products intended for nonmedical use or whether they should be  
11 provided with tax exemptions;

12 (f) Options for funding the medical marijuana registry; and

13 (g) Any other matters pertinent to promoting access to safe and  
14 affordable marijuana for medical use by qualifying patients.

15 (4) The committee has the following powers and duties:

16 (a) Developing a state comprehensive plan that identifies and  
17 coordinates the various business opportunities within the cannabis  
18 industry, including potential opportunities;

19 (b) Recommending a state financial system that best implements the  
20 state's marijuana marketplace while maximizing public safety, accurate  
21 tax accounting, and compliance with the United States attorney  
22 general's guidance regarding marijuana enforcement and guidance  
23 regarding marijuana-related financial crimes on implementation of  
24 Initiative Measure No. 502;

25 (c) Developing a method for monitoring and assessing the economic  
26 returns the cannabis industry delivers to the state;

27 (d) Examining and reporting on any changes in federal law that may  
28 impact the legal operations of the cannabis industry in the state;

29 (e) Making recommendations for a statewide cannabis industry  
30 coordinator;

31 (f) Recommending options for the distribution of tax revenue from  
32 the sale of marijuana; and

33 (g) Making recommendations specific to the medical use of  
34 marijuana as described in subsection (3) of this section.

1 (5) The committee shall provide specific preliminary  
2 recommendations to the appropriate committees of the legislature by  
3 December 15, 2014, and a final report by January 10, 2016.

4 (6) Staff support for the committee must be provided by senate  
5 committee services, the house of representatives office of program  
6 research, and the represented state agencies.

7 (7) Legislative members of the committee must serve without  
8 additional compensation, but must be reimbursed for travel expenses in  
9 accordance with RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative members, except those  
10 representing an employer or organization, are entitled to be  
11 reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and  
12 43.03.060.

13 (8) The expenses of the committee must be paid jointly by the  
14 senate and the house of representatives. Committee expenditures are  
15 subject to approval by the senate facilities and operations committee  
16 and the house of representatives executive rules committee, or their  
17 successor committees.

18 (9) Meetings of the committee are subject to the open public  
19 meetings act, chapter 42.30 RCW.

20 (10) This section expires January 31, 2016."  
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22 Renumber the remaining section consecutively and correct any  
23 internal references accordingly.

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EFFECT: Creates the Cannabis Industry Coordinating Committee  
(Committee) to develop a comprehensive plan that identifies and  
coordinates business opportunities within the cannabis industry;  
recommend a state financial system that best implements the state's  
marijuana marketplace while maximizing public safety, accurate tax  
accounting, and compliance with the United States Attorney General's  
guidance regarding marijuana-related financial crimes; develop a  
method for monitoring and assessing the economic returns of the  
cannabis industry to the state; examine and report on any changes in  
federal law that may impact the legal operations of the cannabis  
industry in the state; make recommendations for a statewide cannabis  
industry coordinator; recommend options for the distribution of tax  
revenue for the sale of marijuana; and make recommendations specific  
to the medical use of marijuana.

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Specifies the composition of the committee as follows: two members of the House, one from each caucus; two members from the Senate, one from each caucus; representatives of the Liquor Control Board, the Department of Health, the Department of Commerce, the Department of Revenue, the Office of the State Treasurer, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Financial Institutions, and the Washington State Patrol; seven members representing medical marijuana patients; one representative of the Association of Washington Cities; one representative of the Washington State Association of Counties; one representative of the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs; one representative of a statewide organization representing prosecuting attorneys; and nine industry stakeholders.

Requires the Committee to appoint a medical marijuana subcommittee.

Requires the Committee to submit preliminary recommendations by December 15, 2014, and final recommendations by January 10, 2016.

Subjects meetings of the Committee to the Open Public Meetings Act.

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