

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 1597

As Reported by Senate Committee On:
Commerce & Labor, February 28, 2014

Title: An act relating to marijuana law technical corrections.

Brief Description: Making marijuana law technical corrections.

Sponsors: Representatives Goodman and Ryu.

Brief History: Passed House: 2/11/14, 98-0.

Committee Activity: Commerce & Labor: 2/21/14, 2/28/14 [DPA].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & LABOR

Majority Report: Do pass as amended.

Signed by Senators Holmquist Newbry, Chair; Braun, Vice Chair; Conway, Ranking Member; Hasegawa, Hewitt, King and Kohl-Welles.

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Background: The passage of Initiative 502 (I-502) legalized the recreational use of marijuana and created a comprehensive regulatory scheme that includes provisions regarding the following:

- legalizing marijuana and related products for personal use;
- licensing and regulating marijuana production and distribution;
- implementation of excise taxes on marijuana production, distribution, and sales;
- creation of a dedicated marijuana fund for the collection and distribution of marijuana-related tax revenues;
- deletion of statutory provisions containing criminal and/or civil penalties for activities authorized by I-502; and
- revision of drunk driving laws to include specific provisions pertaining to driving under the influence of marijuana.

The last section of I-502 directed the Office of the Code Reviser to prepare a technical bill for the 2013 legislative session for the purpose of correcting statutory references in the Revised Code of Washington in order to make them consistent with the statutory changes brought about by the act.

This analysis was prepared by non-partisan legislative staff for the use of legislative members in their deliberations. This analysis is not a part of the legislation nor does it constitute a statement of legislative intent.

Summary of Bill (Recommended Amendments): Several purely technical changes are made to the Revised Code of Washington in order to correct statutory citations and make them consistent with the statutory changes brought about by I-502.

EFFECT OF CHANGES MADE BY COMMERCE & LABOR COMMITTEE (Recommended Amendments): The correct version of the updated underlying statute was provided.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: None.

Persons Testifying: No one.