

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6542

As of February 27, 2014

Title: An act relating to establishing the state cannabis industry coordinating committee.

Brief Description: Establishing the state cannabis industry coordinating committee.

Sponsors: Senator Kohl-Welles.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Ways & Means: 3/03/14.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

Staff: Steve Jones (786-7440)

Background: In 2012 the voters of the state approved Initiative Measure No. 502, establishing a new regulatory and licensing structure for businesses related to the purchase and use of marijuana.

Summary of Bill: The bill as referred to committee not considered.

Summary of Bill: A temporary State Cannabis Industry Coordinating Committee is established to develop a state comprehensive plan to identify and coordinate cannabis-related business opportunities, develop a method to assess the economic impact of the industry, examine any relevant changes in federal law, and recommend options for distributing tax revenue from marijuana.

The committee includes the following:

- two members of the Senate;
- two members of the House of Representatives;
- one representative of the departments of Health, Commerce, Revenue, Agriculture, and Financial Institutions, the State Treasurer's Office, and the Liquor Control Board;
- two representatives of Association of Washington Cities and the Association of Counties; and
- nine industry stakeholders appointed by the Governor.

Staff support to the committee is provided by Senate Committee Services, the House of Representatives Office of Program Research, and the represented state agencies.

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Preliminary recommendations of the committee are due by December 15, 2014, and a final report by July 1, 2015. The legislation expires January 1, 2016.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: Yes.

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