
HOUSE BILL 2793

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1 AN ACT Relating to redirecting Initiative Measure No. 502 revenues
2 earmarked for the basic health plan to other state-funded low-income
3 health care programs; amending RCW 69.50.540; and declaring an
4 emergency.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 69.50.540 and 2013 c 3 s 28 (Initiative Measure No.
7 502) are each amended to read as follows:

8 All marijuana excise taxes collected from sales of marijuana,
9 useable marijuana, and marijuana-infused products under RCW 69.50.535,
10 and the license fees, penalties, and forfeitures derived under chapter
11 3, Laws of 2013 from marijuana producer, marijuana processor, and
12 marijuana retailer licenses shall every three months be disbursed by
13 the state liquor control board as follows:

14 (1) One hundred twenty-five thousand dollars to the department of
15 social and health services to design and administer the Washington
16 state healthy youth survey, analyze the collected data, and produce
17 reports, in collaboration with the office of the superintendent of
18 public instruction, department of health, department of commerce,
19 family policy council, and state liquor control board. The survey

1 shall be conducted at least every two years and include questions
2 regarding, but not necessarily limited to, academic achievement, age at
3 time of substance use initiation, antisocial behavior of friends,
4 attitudes toward antisocial behavior, attitudes toward substance use,
5 laws and community norms regarding antisocial behavior, family
6 conflict, family management, parental attitudes toward substance use,
7 peer rewarding of antisocial behavior, perceived risk of substance use,
8 and rebelliousness. Funds disbursed under this subsection may be used
9 to expand administration of the healthy youth survey to student
10 populations attending institutions of higher education in Washington;

11 (2) Fifty thousand dollars to the department of social and health
12 services for the purpose of contracting with the Washington state
13 institute for public policy to conduct the cost-benefit evaluation and
14 produce the reports described in RCW 69.50.550. This appropriation
15 shall end after production of the final report required by RCW
16 69.50.550;

17 (3) Five thousand dollars to the University of Washington alcohol
18 and drug abuse institute for the creation, maintenance, and timely
19 updating of web-based public education materials providing medically
20 and scientifically accurate information about the health and safety
21 risks posed by marijuana use;

22 (4) An amount not exceeding one million two hundred fifty thousand
23 dollars to the state liquor control board as is necessary for
24 administration of chapter 3, Laws of 2013;

25 (5) Of the funds remaining after the disbursements identified in
26 subsections (1) through (4) of this section:

27 (a) Fifteen percent to the department of social and health services
28 division of behavioral health and recovery for implementation and
29 maintenance of programs and practices aimed at the prevention or
30 reduction of maladaptive substance use, substance-use disorder,
31 substance abuse or substance dependence, as these terms are defined in
32 the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, among middle
33 school and high school age students, whether as an explicit goal of a
34 given program or practice or as a consistently corresponding effect of
35 its implementation; PROVIDED, That:

36 (i) Of the funds disbursed under (a) of this subsection, at least
37 eighty-five percent must be directed to evidence-based and cost-

1 beneficial programs and practices that produce objectively measurable
2 results; and

3 (ii) Up to fifteen percent of the funds disbursed under (a) of this
4 subsection may be directed to research-based and emerging best
5 practices or promising practices.

6 In deciding which programs and practices to fund, the secretary of
7 the department of social and health services shall consult, at least
8 annually, with the University of Washington's social development
9 research group and the University of Washington's alcohol and drug
10 abuse institute;

11 (b) Ten percent to the department of health for the creation,
12 implementation, operation, and management of a marijuana education and
13 public health program that contains the following:

14 (i) A marijuana use public health hotline that provides referrals
15 to substance abuse treatment providers, utilizes evidence-based or
16 research-based public health approaches to minimizing the harms
17 associated with marijuana use, and does not solely advocate an
18 abstinence-only approach;

19 (ii) A grants program for local health departments or other local
20 community agencies that supports development and implementation of
21 coordinated intervention strategies for the prevention and reduction of
22 marijuana use by youth; and

23 (iii) Media-based education campaigns across television, internet,
24 radio, print, and out-of-home advertising, separately targeting youth
25 and adults, that provide medically and scientifically accurate
26 information about the health and safety risks posed by marijuana use;

27 (c) Six-tenths of one percent to the University of Washington and
28 four-tenths of one percent to Washington State University for research
29 on the short and long-term effects of marijuana use, to include but not
30 be limited to formal and informal methods for estimating and measuring
31 intoxication and impairment, and for the dissemination of such
32 research;

33 (d) Fifty percent to the (~~state basic health plan trust account to~~
34 ~~be administered by the Washington basic health plan administrator and~~
35 ~~used as provided under chapter 70.47 RCW)) general fund for the
36 Washington state health care authority to support state-funded low-
37 income health programs;~~

1 (e) Five percent to the Washington state health care authority to
2 be expended exclusively through contracts with community health centers
3 to provide primary health and dental care services, migrant health
4 services, and maternity health care services as provided under RCW
5 41.05.220;

6 (f) Three-tenths of one percent to the office of the superintendent
7 of public instruction to fund grants to building bridges programs under
8 chapter 28A.175 RCW; and

9 (g) The remainder to the general fund.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
11 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
12 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
13 immediately.

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