
SENATE BILL 6393

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By Senator Baumgartner

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1 AN ACT Relating to distributing marijuana tax revenues for local
2 law enforcement officers; amending RCW 69.50.540; and providing an
3 effective date.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 (5) Twenty million dollars to cities and towns and five million
25 dollars to counties to be used for additional law enforcement officers.
26 The share coming to each city or town and the share coming to each
27 county must be determined ratably on the basis of population as last
28 determined by the office of financial management.

29 (6) Of the funds remaining after the disbursements identified in
30 subsections (1) through ((+4)) (5) of this section:

31 (a) Fifteen percent to the department of social and health services
32 division of behavioral health and recovery for implementation and
33 maintenance of programs and practices aimed at the prevention or
34 reduction of maladaptive substance use, substance-use disorder,
35 substance abuse or substance dependence, as these terms are defined in
36 the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, among middle
37 school and high school age students, whether as an explicit goal of a

1 given program or practice or as a consistently corresponding effect of
2 its implementation; PROVIDED, That:

3 (i) Of the funds disbursed under (a) of this subsection, at least
4 eighty-five percent must be directed to evidence-based and cost-
5 beneficial programs and practices that produce objectively measurable
6 results; and

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

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

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

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

23 (ii) A grants program for local health departments or other local
24 community agencies that supports development and implementation of
25 coordinated intervention strategies for the prevention and reduction of
26 marijuana use by youth; and

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

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

37 (d) Fifty percent to the state basic health plan trust account to

1 be administered by the Washington basic health plan administrator and
2 used as provided under chapter 70.47 RCW;

3 (e) Five percent to the Washington state health care authority to
4 be expended exclusively through contracts with community health centers
5 to provide primary health and dental care services, migrant health
6 services, and maternity health care services as provided under RCW
7 41.05.220;

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

11 (g) The remainder to the general fund.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act takes effect July 1, 2014.

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