

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6303

As of January 22, 2016

Title: An act relating to allowing for proper disposal of unsellable marijuana by a licensed marijuana retail outlet.

Brief Description: Allowing for proper disposal of unsellable marijuana by a licensed marijuana retail outlet.

Sponsors: Senators Rivers, Conway and Hasegawa; by request of Liquor and Cannabis Board.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Commerce & Labor: 1/22/16.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & LABOR

Staff: Richard Rodger (786-7461)

Background: Initiative 502 placed restrictions on licensed marijuana retailers from destroying damaged, expired, or otherwise unsellable marijuana. If a product needs to be destroyed the retailers must return the product to the marijuana processor who sold it. The procedures for destruction of marijuana are specified in the Liquor and Cannabis Board's (LCB) administrative rules.

For a variety of reasons, marijuana retailers have sometimes been unable to return product to the original marijuana processor.

Summary of Bill: The LCB is authorized to develop rules to allow marijuana retailers to properly dispose of marijuana products.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: July 1, 2016.

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Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: This bill clarifies a technical issue and allows retailers to dispose of damaged or unwanted marijuana products under rules developed by the LCB. LCB will work with the retailers to create a workable process for the proper disposal of these items.

Persons Testifying: PRO: James Paribello, WSLCB; Ezra Eickmeyer, E n A Strategic Consulting.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: No one.