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## Commerce & Gaming Committee

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### HB 1911

**Brief Description:** Authorizing the masking of odors by regulated marijuana facilities.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Holy, Ormsby, Volz and Condotta.

#### Brief Summary of Bill

- Requires the Department of Ecology's Clean Air Act rules to authorize the concealment or masking of odors from the premises of state-licensed marijuana producers and processors.

**Hearing Date:** 2/7/17

**Staff:** Peter Clodfelter (786-7127).

#### Background:

To implement the state Clean Air Act, the Legislature delegates authority to the Department of Ecology to establish air quality and emissions standards and to prohibit emissions to the outdoor atmosphere of odors, dust, smoke, fumes, gas, and other emissions. The Department of Ecology is charged with enforcing the established air quality and emission standards throughout the state. The Department of Ecology's rules prohibit a person from causing or allowing the installation or use of any means that conceals or masks an emission of an air contaminant that would otherwise violate rules adopted to implement the Clean Air Act.

The state Liquor and Cannabis Board issues licenses to qualified individuals and businesses including a marijuana producer license, a marijuana processor license, and a marijuana retailer license.

#### Summary of Bill:

The Department of Ecology's rules adopted to implement the state Clean Air Act must authorize the concealment or masking of odors from the premises of a marijuana producer or a marijuana

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processor by means of the planting of forms of vegetation other than marijuana plants or by means of other natural odor-masking or odor-concealing mechanisms.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Requested on 2/02/17.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.