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By Representatives Hudgins and Hurst

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1 AN ACT Relating to enforcement of illegal marijuana production;  
2 and amending RCW 69.50.540.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 69.50.540 and 2013 c 3 s 28 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

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

12 (1) One hundred twenty-five thousand dollars to the department of  
13 social and health services to design and administer the Washington  
14 state healthy youth survey, analyze the collected data, and produce  
15 reports, in collaboration with the office of the superintendent of  
16 public instruction, department of health, department of commerce,  
17 family policy council, and state liquor control board. The survey  
18 shall be conducted at least every two years and include questions  
19 regarding, but not necessarily limited to, academic achievement, age  
20 at time of substance use initiation, antisocial behavior of friends,  
21 attitudes toward antisocial behavior, attitudes toward substance use,

1 laws and community norms regarding antisocial behavior, family  
2 conflict, family management, parental attitudes toward substance use,  
3 peer rewarding of antisocial behavior, perceived risk of substance  
4 use, and rebelliousness. Funds disbursed under this subsection may be  
5 used to expand administration of the healthy youth survey to student  
6 populations attending institutions of higher education in Washington;

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

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

18 (4) An amount not exceeding one million two hundred fifty  
19 thousand dollars to the state liquor control board as is necessary  
20 for administration of chapter 3, Laws of 2013. Within the amount  
21 provided in this subsection, the state liquor control board shall  
22 contract with one or more state or local law enforcement agencies to  
23 perform activities supporting the locating and eradication of  
24 marijuana production that is in violation of this act. The contract  
25 must prioritize, but not exclusively focus on, such violations on  
26 public land. The contract must direct the law enforcement agency to  
27 inform the appropriate federal agency or agencies of such activities;

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

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

39 (i) Of the funds disbursed under (a) of this subsection, at least  
40 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  
4 this 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  
7 of the department of social and health services shall consult, at  
8 least annually, with the University of Washington's social  
9 development research group and the University of Washington's alcohol  
10 and drug abuse institute;

11 (b) Ten percent to the department of health for the creation,  
12 implementation, operation, and management of a marijuana education  
13 and 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  
22 of marijuana use by youth; and

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

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

34 (d) Fifty percent to the state basic health plan trust account to  
35 be administered by the Washington basic health plan administrator and  
36 used as provided under chapter 70.47 RCW;

37 (e) Five percent to the Washington state health care authority to  
38 be expended exclusively through contracts with community health  
39 centers to provide primary health and dental care services, migrant

1 health services, and maternity health care services as provided under  
2 RCW 41.05.220;

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

6 (g) The remainder to the general fund.

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