

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

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MARIJUANA--STATE AGREEMENTS WITH INDIAN TRIBES

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**President of the Senate**

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 2000** as passed by House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

BARBARA BAKER

**Chief Clerk**

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By Representatives Hurst, Condotta, and Tarleton

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1            AN ACT Relating to authorizing the governor to enter into  
2 agreements with federally recognized Indian tribes in the state of  
3 Washington concerning marijuana; amending RCW 69.50.360, 69.50.363,  
4 and 69.50.366; adding new sections to chapter 43.06 RCW; adding a new  
5 section to chapter 69.50 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 82.08  
6 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 82.12 RCW.

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

8            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.**    A new section is added to chapter 43.06  
9 RCW to read as follows:

10           The legislature intends to further the government-to-government  
11 relationship between the state of Washington and federally recognized  
12 Indian tribes in the state of Washington by authorizing the governor  
13 to enter into agreements concerning the regulation of marijuana. Such  
14 agreements may include provisions pertaining to: The lawful  
15 commercial production, processing, sale, and possession of marijuana  
16 for both recreational and medical purposes; marijuana-related  
17 research activities; law enforcement, both criminal and civil; and  
18 taxation. The legislature finds that these agreements will facilitate  
19 and promote a cooperative and mutually beneficial relationship  
20 between the state and the tribes regarding matters relating to the  
21 legalization of marijuana, particularly in light of the fact that

1 federal Indian law precludes the state from enforcing its civil  
2 regulatory laws in Indian country. Such cooperative agreements will  
3 enhance public health and safety, ensure a lawful and well-regulated  
4 marijuana market, encourage economic development, and provide fiscal  
5 benefits to both the tribes and the state.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.06  
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 (1) The governor may enter into agreements with federally  
9 recognized Indian tribes concerning marijuana. Marijuana agreements  
10 may address any marijuana-related issue that involves both state and  
11 tribal interests or otherwise has an impact on tribal-state  
12 relations. Such agreements may include, but are not limited to, the  
13 following provisions and subject matter:

14 (a) Criminal and civil law enforcement;

15 (b) Regulatory issues related to the commercial production,  
16 processing, sale, and possession of marijuana, and processed  
17 marijuana products, for both recreational and medical purposes;

18 (c) Medical and pharmaceutical research involving marijuana;

19 (d) Taxation in accordance with subsection (2) of this section;

20 (e) Any tribal immunities or preemption of state law regarding  
21 the production, processing, or marketing of marijuana; and

22 (f) Dispute resolution, including the use of mediation or other  
23 nonjudicial process.

24 (2)(a) Each marijuana agreement adopted under this section must  
25 provide for a tribal marijuana tax that is at least one hundred  
26 percent of the state marijuana excise tax imposed under RCW 69.50.535  
27 and state and local sales and use taxes on sales of marijuana.  
28 Marijuana agreements apply to sales in which tribes, tribal  
29 enterprises, or tribal member-owned businesses (i) deliver or cause  
30 delivery to be made to or receive delivery from a marijuana producer,  
31 processor, or retailer licensed under chapter 69.50 RCW or (ii)  
32 physically transfer possession of the marijuana from the seller to  
33 the buyer within Indian country.

34 (b) The tribe may allow an exemption from tax for sales to the  
35 tribe, tribal enterprises, tribal member-owned businesses, or tribal  
36 members[, ] on marijuana grown, produced, or processed within its  
37 Indian country, or for activities to the extent they are exempt under  
38 state or federal law from the state marijuana excise tax imposed  
39 under RCW 69.50.535 or state and local sales or use taxes on sales of

1 marijuana. Medical marijuana products used in the course of medical  
2 treatments by a clinic, hospital, or similar facility owned and  
3 operated by a federally recognized Indian tribe within its Indian  
4 country may be exempted from tax under the terms of an agreement  
5 entered into under this section.

6 (3) Any marijuana agreement relating to the production,  
7 processing, and sale of marijuana in Indian country, whether for  
8 recreational or medical purposes, must address the following issues:

9 (a) Preservation of public health and safety;

10 (b) Ensuring the security of production, processing, retail, and  
11 research facilities; and

12 (c) Cross-border commerce in marijuana.

13 (4) The governor may delegate the power to negotiate marijuana  
14 agreements to the state liquor control board. In conducting such  
15 negotiations, the state liquor control board must, when necessary,  
16 consult with the governor and/or the department of revenue.

17 (5) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this  
18 section unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

19 (a) "Indian country" has the same meaning as in RCW 82.24.010.

20 (b) "Indian tribe" or "tribe" means a federally recognized Indian  
21 tribe located within the geographical boundaries of the state of  
22 Washington.

23 (c) "Marijuana" means "marijuana," "marijuana concentrates,"  
24 "marijuana-infused products," and "useable marijuana," as those terms  
25 are defined in RCW 69.50.101.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 69.50  
27 RCW to read as follows:

28 The taxes, fees, assessments, and other charges imposed by this  
29 chapter do not apply to commercial activities related to the  
30 production, processing, sale, and possession of marijuana, useable  
31 marijuana, marijuana concentrates, and marijuana-infused products  
32 covered by an agreement entered into under section 2 of this act.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 82.08  
34 RCW to read as follows:

35 The taxes imposed by this chapter do not apply to the retail sale  
36 of marijuana, useable marijuana, marijuana concentrates, and  
37 marijuana-infused products covered by an agreement entered into under  
38 section 2 of this act. "Marijuana," "useable marijuana," "marijuana

1 concentrates," and "marijuana-infused products" have the same meaning  
2 as defined in RCW 69.50.101.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 82.12  
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 The taxes imposed by this chapter do not apply to the use of  
6 marijuana, useable marijuana, marijuana concentrates, and marijuana-  
7 infused products covered by an agreement entered into under section 2  
8 of this act. "Marijuana," "useable marijuana," "marijuana  
9 concentrates," and "marijuana-infused products" have the same meaning  
10 as defined in RCW 69.50.101.

11 **Sec. 6.** RCW 69.50.360 and 2014 c 192 s 5 are each amended to  
12 read as follows:

13 The following acts, when performed by a validly licensed  
14 marijuana retailer or employee of a validly licensed retail outlet in  
15 compliance with rules adopted by the state liquor control board to  
16 implement and enforce chapter 3, Laws of 2013, (~~shall~~) do not  
17 constitute criminal or civil offenses under Washington state law:

18 (1) Purchase and receipt of marijuana concentrates, useable  
19 marijuana, or marijuana-infused products that have been properly  
20 packaged and labeled from a marijuana processor validly licensed  
21 under chapter 3, Laws of 2013;

22 (2) Possession of quantities of marijuana concentrates, useable  
23 marijuana, or marijuana-infused products that do not exceed the  
24 maximum amounts established by the state liquor control board under  
25 RCW 69.50.345(5); (~~and~~)

26 (3) Delivery, distribution, and sale, on the premises of the  
27 retail outlet, of any combination of the following amounts of  
28 marijuana concentrates, useable marijuana, or marijuana-infused  
29 product to any person twenty-one years of age or older:

30 (a) One ounce of useable marijuana;

31 (b) Sixteen ounces of marijuana-infused product in solid form;

32 (c) Seventy-two ounces of marijuana-infused product in liquid  
33 form; or

34 (d) Seven grams of marijuana concentrate; and

35 (4) Purchase and receipt of marijuana concentrates, useable  
36 marijuana, or marijuana-infused products that have been properly  
37 packaged and labeled from a federally recognized Indian tribe as

1 permitted under an agreement between the state and the tribe entered  
2 into under section 2 of this act.

3 **Sec. 7.** RCW 69.50.363 and 2013 c 3 s 16 are each amended to read  
4 as follows:

5 The following acts, when performed by a validly licensed  
6 marijuana processor or employee of a validly licensed marijuana  
7 processor in compliance with rules adopted by the state liquor  
8 control board to implement and enforce chapter 3, Laws of 2013,  
9 (~~shall~~) do not constitute criminal or civil offenses under  
10 Washington state law:

11 (1) Purchase and receipt of marijuana that has been properly  
12 packaged and labeled from a marijuana producer validly licensed under  
13 chapter 3, Laws of 2013;

14 (2) Possession, processing, packaging, and labeling of quantities  
15 of marijuana, useable marijuana, and marijuana-infused products that  
16 do not exceed the maximum amounts established by the state liquor  
17 control board under RCW 69.50.345(4); (~~and~~)

18 (3) Delivery, distribution, and sale of useable marijuana or  
19 marijuana-infused products to a marijuana retailer validly licensed  
20 under chapter 3, Laws of 2013; and

21 (4) Delivery, distribution, and sale of useable marijuana,  
22 marijuana concentrates, or marijuana-infused products to a federally  
23 recognized Indian tribe as permitted under an agreement between the  
24 state and the tribe entered into under section 2 of this act.

25 **Sec. 8.** RCW 69.50.366 and 2013 c 3 s 17 are each amended to read  
26 as follows:

27 The following acts, when performed by a validly licensed  
28 marijuana producer or employee of a validly licensed marijuana  
29 producer in compliance with rules adopted by the state liquor control  
30 board to implement and enforce chapter 3, Laws of 2013, (~~shall~~) do  
31 not constitute criminal or civil offenses under Washington state law:

32 (1) Production or possession of quantities of marijuana that do  
33 not exceed the maximum amounts established by the state liquor  
34 control board under RCW 69.50.345(3); (~~and~~)

35 (2) Delivery, distribution, and sale of marijuana to a marijuana  
36 processor or another marijuana producer validly licensed under  
37 chapter 3, Laws of 2013; and

1       (3) Delivery, distribution, and sale of marijuana or useable  
2 marijuana to a federally recognized Indian tribe as permitted under  
3 an agreement between the state and the tribe entered into under  
4 section 2 of this act.

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