Washington State House of Representatives Office of Program Research



Community Safety, Justice, & Reentry Committee

HB 1006

Brief Description: Expanding access to drug testing equipment.

Sponsors: Representatives Orwall, Mosbrucker, Goodman, Davis, Hackney, Simmons, Griffey, Peterson, Leavitt, Ryu, Bateman, Reed and Graham.

Brief Summary of Bill

• Removes equipment used to test the purity of a controlled substance from the definition of unlawful drug paraphernalia.

Hearing Date: 1/9/23

Staff: Michelle Rusk (786-7153).

Background:

It is unlawful under certain circumstances to use, possess, manufacture, deliver, give, sell, or advertise the sale of drug paraphernalia. Violators can be subject to civil or criminal liability.

Drug paraphernalia includes testing equipment used, intended for use, or designed for use in identifying or analyzing the strength, effectiveness, or purity of controlled substances.

It is not prohibited to legally distribute injection syringe equipment through public health and community-based human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) prevention programs and pharmacies.

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strength, effectiveness, or purity of controlled substances is removed from the definition of "drug paraphernalia."

The type of equipment public health and community-based HIV prevention programs and pharmacies may sell or give is expanded to include testing equipment.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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