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**SENATE BILL 5405**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** Senators King, Keiser, and C. Wilson; by request of Liquor and Cannabis Board

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1 AN ACT Relating to modifying the liquor and cannabis board's  
2 subpoena authority relating to cannabis investigations; and amending  
3 RCW 66.08.145.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 66.08.145 and 2019 c 445 s 201 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (1) The liquor and cannabis board may issue subpoenas in  
8 connection with any investigation, hearing, or proceeding for the  
9 production of books, records, and documents held under this chapter  
10 or chapters 69.50, 69.51A, 70.155, 70.158, 70.345, 82.24, 82.26, and  
11 82.25 RCW, and books and records of common carriers as defined in RCW  
12 81.80.010, or vehicle rental agencies relating to the transportation  
13 or possession of cannabis, cigarettes, vapor products, or other  
14 tobacco products.

15 (2) The liquor and cannabis board may designate individuals  
16 authorized to sign subpoenas.

17 (3) If any person is served a subpoena from the board for the  
18 production of records, documents, and books, and fails or refuses to  
19 obey the subpoena for the production of records, documents, and books  
20 when required to do so, the person is subject to proceedings for  
21 contempt, and the board may institute contempt of court proceedings

1 in the superior court of Thurston county or in the county in which  
2 the person resides.

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