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**Consumer Protection & Business  
Committee**

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**HB 1347**

**Brief Description:** Concerning cannabis testing laboratories.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Reeves, Corry, Wylie and Hill.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Requires the Liquor and Cannabis Board (LCB) to accept the accreditation of a private cannabis testing laboratory by the Department of Agriculture (WSDA) as the sole basis for establishing the LCB's certification of the laboratory, as long as the laboratory has not violated requirements established by the LCB.
- Specifies that ensuring reduction of redundancies between the agencies is also a requirement for the WSDA and the interagency coordination team for cannabis laboratory quality standards.

**Hearing Date:** 1/28/25

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

**Background:**

On a schedule determined by the Liquor and Cannabis Board (LCB), every licensed cannabis producer and processor must submit representative samples of cannabis and cannabis products produced or processed by the licensee to a private cannabis testing laboratory (laboratory) meeting accreditation requirements established by the Department of Agriculture (WSDA). The LCB's rules require laboratories to also be certified by the LCB.

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The purpose of testing representative samples is to certify compliance with quality assurance and product standards adopted by the LCB or the Department of Health (DOH). In conducting tests of cannabis product samples, laboratories must adhere to laboratory quality standards adopted by the WSDA. Laboratory quality standards include method validation protocols, performance measures and criteria applied to testing of cannabis products, and approved methods for testing cannabis for compliance with the quality assurance and product standards.

An interagency coordination team for cannabis laboratory quality standards consists of the WSDA, the LCB, and the DOH. The team must coordinate among the participating agencies on agency policies, actions, and regulatory activities that relate to laboratory quality standards. The team must also advise the WSDA on implementation and maintenance of laboratory quality standards topics. The WSDA and the interagency coordination team must act cooperatively to ensure effective implementation and administration of the cannabis product testing and laboratory requirements.

After testing, licensees must submit the results of inspection and testing for quality assurance and product standards to the LCB. If a representative sample that is inspected and tested does not meet the applicable quality assurance and product standards, then, except as otherwise provided by the LCB in rule, the entire lot from which the sample was taken must be destroyed.

**Summary of Bill:**

The LCB is required to accept the accreditation of a laboratory by the WSDA as the sole basis for establishing the initial certification of the laboratory and any subsequent renewals of certification, as long as the laboratory has not been found to have violated the requirements established by the LCB.

Reducing redundancies between the agencies is added to the implementation instructions for the WSDA and the interagency coordination team.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

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