

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## HB 1347

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As Reported by Senate Committee On:  
Labor & Commerce, April 1, 2025

**Title:** An act relating to clarifying the liquor and cannabis board's role in the regulation of private cannabis testing laboratories accredited by the department of agriculture.

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

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

**Brief History:** Passed House: 2/20/25, 95-2.

**Committee Activity:** Labor & Commerce: 3/31/25, 4/01/25 [DP, w/oRec].

### Brief Summary of Bill

- Requires the Liquor and Cannabis Board to accept the accreditation of a cannabis testing laboratory by the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) under certain circumstances.
- Requires WSDA and the interagency coordination team to act cooperatively to ensure reduction of redundancies between the agencies for cannabis testing.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR & COMMERCE

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Saldaña, Chair; Conway, Vice Chair; King, Ranking Member; Alvarado, Braun, MacEwen, Ramos and Stanford.

**Minority Report:** That it be referred without recommendation.

Signed by Senator Schoesler.

**Staff:** Marlon Llanes (786-7423)

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**Background:** Licensed cannabis producers and processors must submit samples of cannabis produced or processed by the licensee to a testing laboratory that meets certain accreditation requirements established by the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA). The purpose of testing cannabis is to certify compliance with quality assurance and product standards adopted by the Liquor and Cannabis Board (LCB) or the Department of Health (DOH). When conducting tests of cannabis, laboratories must adhere to laboratory quality standards adopted by WSDA.

An interagency coordination team for cannabis laboratory quality standards consists of WSDA, LCB, and 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 WSDA on implementation and maintenance of laboratory quality standards topics. WSDA and the interagency coordination team must act cooperatively to ensure effective implementation and administration of cannabis testing and laboratory requirements.

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

WSDA and the interagency coordination team must act cooperatively to ensure reduction of redundancies between the agencies.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members:** No.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony:** PRO: LCB has begun enforcing new policies relating to lab results that were implemented without rulemaking or statutory authority. Labs are currently regulated by three different state agencies, including LCB, DOH, and WSDA. The purpose of this bill is to clarify the duties and responsibilities of each agency. It is difficult for a lab to comply with contradicting rules.

**Persons Testifying:** PRO: Nick Mosely, Confidence Analytics; Caitlein Ryan, THE CANNABIS ALLIANCE; Brooke Davies, Washington CannaBusiness Association.

**Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying:** No one.