HOUSE BILL 1347

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1 AN ACT Relating to clarifying the liquor and cannabis board's 2 role in the regulation of private cannabis testing laboratories 3 accredited by the department of agriculture; and amending RCW 4 69.50.348.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 69.50.348 and 2024 c 69 s 2 are each amended to read 7 as follows:

(1) On a schedule determined by the board, every licensed 8 cannabis producer and processor must submit representative samples of 9 10 cannabis, useable cannabis, or cannabis-infused products produced or 11 processed by the licensee to an independent, third-party testing 12 laboratory meeting the accreditation requirements established by the 13 state department of agriculture. The purpose of testing 14 representative samples is to certify compliance with quality 15 assurance and product standards adopted by the board under RCW 69.50.342 or the department of health under RCW 69.50.375. In 16 17 conducting tests of cannabis product samples, testing laboratories 18 must adhere to laboratory quality standards adopted by the state 19 department of agriculture under chapter 15.150 RCW. Any sample 20 remaining after testing shall be destroyed by the laboratory or 21 returned to the licensee submitting the sample.

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1 (2) Independent, third-party testing laboratories performing cannabis product testing under subsection (1) of this section must 2 obtain and maintain accreditation. The board must accept the 3 accreditation by the department of agriculture as the sole basis for 4 establishing the initial certification of the laboratory and any 5 6 subsequent renewals of certification as long as the laboratory has not been found to have violated the requirements established by the 7 board. 8

9 (3) Licensees must submit the results of inspection and testing 10 for quality assurance and product standards required under RCW 11 69.50.342 to the board on a form developed by the board.

12 (4) If a representative sample inspected and tested under this 13 section does not meet the applicable quality assurance and product 14 standards established by the board then, except as otherwise provided 15 by the board in rule, the entire lot from which the sample was taken 16 must be destroyed.

17 (5) The department of agriculture may determine, assess, and collect annual fees to support the direct and indirect costs of 18 19 implementing state cannabis product testing laboratory а accreditation program and laboratory quality standards program, 20 21 except for the initial program development costs. The department of 22 agriculture may establish a payment schedule requiring periodic 23 installments of the annual fee. The department of agriculture must review and update its fee schedule biennially. The costs of cannabis 24 25 product testing laboratory accreditation are those incurred by the 26 department of agriculture in administering and enforcing the accreditation program. The costs may include, but are not limited to, 27 28 the costs incurred in undertaking the following accreditation 29 functions:

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(b) Performing on-site audits;

32 (c) Evaluating participation and successful completion of 33 proficiency testing;

(a) Evaluating the protocols and procedures used by a laboratory;

34 (d) Determining the capability of a laboratory to produce 35 accurate and reliable test results; and

36 (e) Such other accreditation activities as the department of 37 agriculture deems appropriate.

38 (6) The department of agriculture and the interagency 39 coordination team created in RCW 15.150.020 must act cooperatively to

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1 ensure reduction of redundancies between the agencies and the

2 effective implementation and administration of this section.

3 (7) All fees collected under this section must be deposited in 4 the dedicated cannabis account created in RCW 69.50.530.

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