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1 AN ACT Relating to authorizing the consumption of cannabis in  
2 regulated environments while including protections for public health  
3 and safety; amending RCW 69.50.328, 69.50.345, 69.50.342, 69.50.331,  
4 69.50.325, 69.50.346, 69.50.335, 69.50.354, 69.50.357, 69.50.380,  
5 69.50.369, 69.50.390, 69.50.334, 69.50.339, 69.50.445, 69.50.465,  
6 69.50.475, 69.50.535, 69.50.4013, 70.160.020, 70.160.060, 69.50.101,  
7 and 43.06.490; adding new sections to chapter 69.50 RCW; creating a  
8 new section; and prescribing penalties.

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

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that consumers who  
11 legally purchase cannabis products from Washington's licensed and  
12 regulated cannabis market lack legal pathways to responsibly consume  
13 cannabis products in safe and regulated environments outside of their  
14 homes. Some living situations do not allow the use of cannabis, and  
15 so for many people there remains no legal and practical pathways to  
16 consume cannabis under Washington law. The legislature finds that  
17 creating a legal pathway for cannabis consumption is within the  
18 spirit of Initiative Measure No. 502, which called for bringing  
19 cannabis under a tightly regulated, state-licensed system similar to  
20 that for controlling hard alcohol. Washington's cannabis market has  
21 grown and matured substantially since 2012; it is time to continue

1 the considered evolution of the industry by creating legal  
2 environments where adult consumers age 21 and over may purchase and  
3 consume cannabis products on-site in designated consumption areas.  
4 The legislature finds that by creating a cannabis event organizer  
5 license as a new license type to conduct a limited number of events  
6 each year, subject to statutory and regulatory requirements, local  
7 government ordinances, and regulation by the liquor and cannabis  
8 board, Washington can follow the lead of other states that have  
9 successfully legalized cannabis consumption events or activities and  
10 entrusted their citizens to partake responsibly.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 69.50  
12 RCW to read as follows:

13 (1) There is a cannabis consumption event organizer license  
14 available to a person or entity that does not hold a cannabis license  
15 under this chapter. The license authorizes the holder to organize and  
16 conduct consumption events at specified locations on specified dates  
17 and times approved by the board at which adults age 21 and over may  
18 purchase single-use cannabis products and ready-to-consume cannabis  
19 products from the licensed cannabis consumption event organizer or  
20 from participating cannabis producers, processors, and retailers, and  
21 consume single-use cannabis products and ready-to-consume cannabis  
22 products in approved consumption areas by smoking, vaporization,  
23 consumption, or ingestion, subject to the requirements and  
24 limitations in this section. A maximum of one event per calendar  
25 month may be conducted under the cannabis consumption event organizer  
26 license, with each event lasting a maximum of three consecutive days,  
27 except that two years after the effective date of this section, the  
28 board, by rule, may increase the maximum number of events per  
29 calendar month and the maximum duration of each individual event. The  
30 possession, delivery, distribution, and sale of cannabis, single-use  
31 cannabis products, and ready-to-consume cannabis products in  
32 accordance with this chapter and the rules adopted to implement and  
33 enforce it, by a validly licensed cannabis consumption event  
34 organizer, shall not be a criminal or civil offense under Washington  
35 state law. Every cannabis consumption event organizer license must be  
36 issued in the name of the applicant, must specify the location of the  
37 cannabis consumption event organizer's principal location where the  
38 licensee will operate, which must be within the state of Washington,  
39 and the holder thereof may not allow any other person to use the

1 license. The application fee is \$500. Annual license renewal is \$200.  
2 An event permit is required as provided in subsection (5) of this  
3 section. No licensed cannabis consumption event organizer or its  
4 employees may perform work involving sale or service of single-use  
5 cannabis products, or preparation, sale, or service of ready-to-  
6 consume cannabis products to the public unless the individual  
7 conducting the activity holds a valid budtender permit as provided in  
8 section 3 of this act.

9 (2) (a) A licensed cannabis consumption event organizer may:

10 (i) Obtain, from a cannabis processor licensed under this  
11 chapter, or a cannabis processor operating consistent with a tribal-  
12 state cannabis agreement under RCW 43.06.490, single-use cannabis  
13 products for the purposes of resale and cannabis products approved by  
14 the board for preparation of ready-to-consume cannabis products for  
15 sale at retail at an approved consumption event;

16 (ii) Obtain, from a cannabis producer licensed under this  
17 chapter, or a cannabis producer operating consistent with a tribal-  
18 state cannabis agreement under RCW 43.06.490, cannabis for the  
19 preparation of ready-to-consume cannabis products for sale at retail  
20 at an approved consumption event;

21 (iii) Sell single-use cannabis products at retail to adults age  
22 21 and over at the premises of an approved consumption event;

23 (iv) Prepare ready-to-consume cannabis products using cannabis  
24 and cannabis products and sell ready-to-consume cannabis products at  
25 retail to adults age 21 and over at the premises of an approved  
26 consumption event;

27 (v) Sell noncannabis food and beverages to customers of a  
28 consumption event approved under this section;

29 (vi) Sell any other item that does not contain cannabis or  
30 cannabis products and is not intended for use with cannabis or  
31 cannabis products to customers of the cannabis consumption event; and

32 (vii) Provide live entertainment at the cannabis consumption  
33 event.

34 (b) The sale of alcohol, cigarettes, tobacco products, and vapor  
35 products, other than vapor products that are cannabis products, is  
36 prohibited by a licensee under this section.

37 (3) Consumption areas may be indoors subject to the limitations  
38 in this section on methods of consumption, or consumption areas may  
39 be outdoors. All sales and use, consumption, smoking, vaporization,  
40 and ingestion of cannabis products authorized for sale and

1 consumption under this section must be out of the view of public  
2 places other than public places authorized for conducting the  
3 consumption event.

4 (a)(i) Except as provided in (a)(ii) of this subsection (3), in  
5 an indoor consumption area approved by the board, the consumption or  
6 ingestion of single-use cannabis products and ready-to-consume  
7 cannabis products is permitted, but smoking or vaporizing single-use  
8 cannabis products and any other cannabis product is prohibited.

9 (ii) A temporary structure, including a tent with walls and a  
10 covered top, may be used at a consumption event and the smoking or  
11 vaporizing of single-use cannabis products is allowed in the  
12 temporary structure if there is a ventilation and exhaust system  
13 capable of expelling odors generated in the consumption area,  
14 reducing volatile organic compounds as defined in 40 C.F.R. Sec.  
15 51.100(s), and maintaining the standards for air quality in the  
16 cannabis consumption area as may be required by board rules.

17 (b) In an outdoor consumption area approved by the board, the  
18 consumption of single-use cannabis products is permitted by  
19 consumption, ingestion, smoking, and vaporization, and the  
20 consumption of ready-to-consume cannabis products is permitted by  
21 consumption and ingestion.

22 (c) A licensee, and any participating licensed cannabis producer,  
23 processor, or retailer, must make available personal protective  
24 equipment including masks and gloves and have procedures that ensure  
25 employees are reasonably protected from secondhand smoke, vapor, or  
26 other workplace safety concerns.

27 (4)(a) A cannabis consumption event organizer licensee must not  
28 allow: (i) The use, smoking, vaporization, consumption, or ingestion  
29 of cannabis products at any place that is within view of a public  
30 place; (ii) the entry of any person who is less than 21 years of age  
31 to a consumption event under this section; (iii) the use, smoking,  
32 vaporization, consumption, or ingestion of any cannabis product in  
33 the cannabis consumption area that is not a single-use cannabis  
34 product or ready-to-consume cannabis product; or (iv) a single-use  
35 cannabis product or ready-to-consume cannabis product that was  
36 purchased at the consumption event to be removed from the premises of  
37 the event.

38 (b) A cannabis consumption event organizer licensee must ensure  
39 that only single-use cannabis products or ready-to-consume cannabis  
40 products that were purchased from the event organizer or

1 participating licensed cannabis producers, processors, or retailers  
2 are consumed on the premises of the consumption event.

3 (5) A cannabis consumption event organizer licensee is subject to  
4 the requirements in this subsection and the board's rules.

5 (a) The licensee must have a temporary on-site consumption event  
6 permit issued by the board in advance of each consumption event and  
7 include in any application for the approval of a temporary on-site  
8 consumption event permit the location or address of the consumption  
9 event, a list of cannabis producers, processors, and retailers  
10 participating in the consumption event, and a diagram identifying the  
11 consumption event's premises, including designated areas for retail  
12 sales, consumption areas, and storage of cannabis products. The board  
13 may by rule establish the fee for a temporary on-site consumption  
14 event permit under this subsection, provided the fee may not exceed  
15 \$500 per event. The event fee under this subsection (5)(a) for a  
16 licensee who obtained a license through the cannabis social equity  
17 program is waived through July 1, 2032.

18 (b) The licensee is responsible for security, age verification,  
19 and all other activities at a consumption event. Participating  
20 licensed cannabis producers, processors, and retailers are also  
21 responsible for age verification at all of their activities at an  
22 event.

23 (c) The licensee must demonstrate to the board that the licensee  
24 obtained any required local permit or approval.

25 (d) The licensee must separate consumption areas from retail  
26 sales areas and other areas of the consumption event's premises.

27 (e) The licensee must ensure that use, consumption, ingestion,  
28 smoking, or vaporization of cannabis products is not visible from any  
29 public place that is not authorized for the event.

30 (f) The licensee must warehouse cannabis and single-use cannabis  
31 products at its principal place of business. If the licensee chooses  
32 to warehouse such products, the licensee may temporarily store these  
33 products at a consumption event for the purposes of sale to adults  
34 age 21 and over and making ready-to-consume cannabis products. The  
35 product must be in a locked storage compartment or container approved  
36 by the board and all remaining product must be returned back to the  
37 warehouse at the end of each day of the consumption event. Nothing in  
38 this section requires a licensee to possess or warehouse cannabis  
39 products or sell cannabis products directly to consumers. Licensees  
40 may choose to organize consumption events at which the sale of

1 cannabis products is conducted only by participating cannabis  
2 producers, processors, and retailers.

3 (g) The licensee must designate a limited access area or areas  
4 that can only be accessed by the licensee, participating cannabis  
5 producers, processors, retailers, designated staff of such licensees,  
6 and the board.

7 (h) A licensee, and any participating producer, processor, or  
8 retailer, must train each employee concerning paraphernalia, single-  
9 use cannabis products, and ready-to-consume cannabis products  
10 including, without limitation, the proper use of paraphernalia, the  
11 potency, absorption time, and effects of single-use cannabis products  
12 and ready-to-consume cannabis products, the recognition of impairment  
13 from and overconsumption of cannabis, and the safe handling of a  
14 customer who is impaired. The training in this subsection is in  
15 addition to budtender permit requirements in section 3 of this act.

16 (i) The licensee must submit a security plan to the board that,  
17 without limitation, provides for adequate security and lighting at  
18 the consumption event and for each entrance and exit of the  
19 consumption event to be adequately secured, and submit to the board  
20 such updates to the plan as the board may require.

21 (j) The licensee must submit a plan to the board setting forth  
22 protocols and procedures to deter customers from driving under the  
23 influence of cannabis and submit to the board such updates to the  
24 plan as the board may require.

25 (k) The licensee must submit a plan to the board setting forth  
26 protocols and procedures to ensure that cannabis and cannabis  
27 products are not sold or otherwise distributed at a consumption event  
28 other than as authorized in this section and submit to the board such  
29 updates to the plan as the board may require.

30 (l) Licensees must dispose of cannabis or cannabis products that  
31 are left at a consumption area in accordance with the procedures for  
32 disposal set forth by the rules of the board.

33 (m) The licensee must post conspicuous notices at the point of  
34 sale with:

35 (i) The same information required to be posted by cannabis  
36 retailers under RCW 69.50.357(5), which the department of health  
37 shall make available to licensees and licensed cannabis producers,  
38 processors, or retailers participating in consumption events; and

39 (ii) Information about the possible harmful impacts of cannabis  
40 consumption, risks of dependence or substance use disorder related to

1 cannabis, and contact information to prevention, treatment, or  
2 support services.

3 (n) The licensee must ensure that the:

4 (i) Sale of cigarettes and tobacco products is prohibited at a  
5 consumption event;

6 (ii) Sale of vapor products, as defined in chapter 70.345 RCW, is  
7 prohibited at a consumption event;

8 (iii) Sale and consumption of alcohol is prohibited at a  
9 consumption event; and

10 (iv) Smoking or consumption of cigarettes or tobacco products and  
11 the use of vapor products that are not a cannabis product occur on  
12 the premises of a consumption event only in designated outdoor areas,  
13 consistent with chapter 70.160 RCW, that are separate from any  
14 consumption area in which consumption of single-use cannabis products  
15 and ready-to-consume cannabis products is allowed under this section.

16 (o) The licensee shall not employ persons under age 21.

17 (p) The licensee must comply with all local ordinances.

18 (q) The licensee must comply with any requirements in the rules  
19 of the board.

20 (6) A licensed cannabis consumption event organizer is not  
21 considered to be a cannabis retailer under this chapter, but may sell  
22 cannabis products directly to consumers for consumption at an  
23 approved consumption event in a consumption area. A licensed cannabis  
24 consumption event organizer shall collect and remit the cannabis  
25 excise tax in RCW 69.50.540.

26 (7) (a) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection, the board  
27 may not issue more than one cannabis consumption event organizer  
28 license under this section to any one person.

29 (b) The board may approve a transfer of a cannabis consumption  
30 event organizer license to a person who is approved to acquire a 100  
31 percent ownership interest in a cannabis consumption event organizer,  
32 if the transfer complies with requirements of the board and will not  
33 result in the person holding more than two cannabis consumption event  
34 organizer licenses.

35 (8) For the purposes of this section, "public place" has the  
36 meaning provided in RCW 66.04.010, but the exclusions in RCW  
37 66.04.011 do not apply.

38 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 69.50  
39 RCW to read as follows:

1 (1) (a) For employees of a cannabis consumption event organizer  
2 licensed under section 2 of this act, or employees of licensed  
3 cannabis producers, processors, or retailers authorized to  
4 participate in a consumption event under section 2 of this act, who  
5 perform work involving sale or service of single-use cannabis  
6 products to the public, or preparation, sale, or service of ready-to-  
7 consume cannabis products to the public, the employee must obtain a  
8 valid budtender permit before conducting such activities and working  
9 at a consumption event. A budtender permit is awarded upon successful  
10 completion of a budtender training program provided by, or approved  
11 by, the board. A budtender permit is valid for a period of two years  
12 unless the board takes enforcement action against the permit holder  
13 before the expiration of the permit and the permit is suspended or  
14 revoked by the board. The board must establish the elements of a  
15 budtender permit program, including permit fees, by rule.

16 (b) The budtender training program must cover topics including,  
17 but not limited to, responsible sales and service of cannabis, the  
18 prevention of overconsumption or impairment of a person with respect  
19 to cannabis, assisting persons who may experience negative effects of  
20 impairment by cannabis, differences in cannabis product types  
21 including delayed effects of certain edible products, considerations  
22 for inexperienced or first-time consumers of cannabis, and  
23 considerations for responsible transportation and avoiding violations  
24 of RCW 46.61.502 by customers. The board must consult with the  
25 department of health to ensure the curriculum of the budtender  
26 training program provided by the board does not include topics  
27 related to health or medical issues that are addressed in a training  
28 or education program leading to a medical cannabis consultant  
29 certificate established under RCW 69.51A.290. Topics that may be  
30 included in both the budtender training program and a medical  
31 cannabis consultant certificate training or education program are:  
32 State laws and rules related to cannabis, safe handling of cannabis  
33 products including single-use cannabis products and ready-to-consume  
34 cannabis products, and reducing access by minors to cannabis  
35 products.

36 (2) (a) The board may suspend or revoke a budtender permit if it  
37 finds the permit holder has violated or permitted anyone to act in  
38 violation of this chapter. The board must immediately suspend the  
39 budtender permit of any person who has been certified under RCW



1 74.20A.320 as being a responsible parent who is not in compliance  
2 with a child support order.

3 (b) Suspension or revocation of an employee's budtender permit  
4 does not relieve a cannabis consumption event organizer licensee or  
5 licensed producer, processor, or retailer of responsibility for any  
6 action by one of its employees under this chapter. The board may, in  
7 its discretion, revoke or suspend either the budtender permit of an  
8 employee or the license of a cannabis consumption event organizer on  
9 whose premises the violation occurred, the license of the  
10 participating producer, processor, or retailer, or both the budtender  
11 permit and the cannabis business's license. The board's rules  
12 implementing this section must include provisions for appeal of its  
13 decision to suspend or revoke a budtender permit or the cannabis  
14 business's license or both the permit and the license.

15 (c) Budtender permit holders who have their permits suspended for  
16 failure to pay child support under RCW 74.20A.320 through 74.20A.330  
17 must contact the department of social and health services to have the  
18 suspension released, and the department must notify the board when it  
19 determines the parent's noncompliance status has changed.

20 (3) Any person who has had a budtender permit revoked may not  
21 seek or accept employment with a cannabis consumption event  
22 organizer, or with a cannabis producer, processor, or retailer, in a  
23 position involving sale or service of any cannabis product to the  
24 public for a period of at least one year following revocation of the  
25 budtender permit. It is a violation of this chapter for a cannabis  
26 consumption event organizer licensee, or a cannabis producer,  
27 processor, or retailer participating in a consumption event, to  
28 provide employment requiring a budtender permit to any person who  
29 does not hold a valid budtender permit.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 69.50  
31 RCW to read as follows:

32 The following acts, when performed by a validly licensed cannabis  
33 consumption event organizer or employee of a validly licensed  
34 cannabis consumption event organizer in compliance with rules adopted  
35 by the board to implement this chapter, do not constitute criminal or  
36 civil offenses under Washington state law:

37 (1) The purchase and receipt of cannabis from a validly licensed  
38 cannabis producer under this chapter or operating in compliance with  
39 a compact entered into under RCW 43.06.490, and purchase and receipt

1 of single-use cannabis products that have been properly packaged and  
2 labeled as cannabis products approved by the board for the  
3 preparation of ready-to-consume cannabis products, from a cannabis  
4 processor validly licensed under this chapter or operating in  
5 compliance with a compact entered into under RCW 43.06.490;

6 (2) The possession of quantities of cannabis, single-use cannabis  
7 products, and ready-to-consume cannabis products that do not exceed  
8 the maximum amounts established by the board;

9 (3) The delivery, distribution, and sale, on the premises of an  
10 approved consumption event, of a combination of single-use cannabis  
11 products and ready-to-consume cannabis products, up to a maximum  
12 amount established by the board, to any person 21 years of age or  
13 older for the person's consumption on the premises.

14 **Sec. 5.** RCW 69.50.328 and 2022 c 16 s 57 are each amended to  
15 read as follows:

16 (1) Neither a licensed cannabis producer nor a licensed cannabis  
17 processor shall have a direct or indirect financial interest in a  
18 licensed cannabis retailer. Except as provided in subsection (2) of  
19 this section, neither a licensed cannabis producer, nor a licensed  
20 cannabis processor, nor a licensed cannabis retailer shall have a  
21 direct or indirect financial interest in a licensed cannabis  
22 consumption event organizer.

23 (2) A licensed cannabis producer, processor, or retailer may  
24 participate at a consumption event conducted by a licensed cannabis  
25 consumption event organizer and approved by the board.

26 **Sec. 6.** RCW 69.50.345 and 2023 c 220 s 5 are each amended to  
27 read as follows:

28 The board, subject to the provisions of this chapter, must adopt  
29 rules that establish the procedures and criteria necessary to  
30 implement the following:

31 (1) Licensing of cannabis producers, cannabis processors, ~~((and))~~  
32 cannabis retailers, and cannabis consumption event organizers,  
33 including prescribing forms and establishing application,  
34 reinstatement, and renewal fees.

35 (a) Application forms for cannabis producers must request the  
36 applicant to state whether the applicant intends to produce cannabis  
37 for sale by cannabis retailers holding medical cannabis endorsements  
38 and the amount of or percentage of canopy the applicant intends to

1 commit to growing plants determined by the department under RCW  
2 69.50.375 to be of a THC concentration, CBD concentration, or THC to  
3 CBD ratio appropriate for cannabis concentrates, useable cannabis, or  
4 cannabis-infused products sold to qualifying patients.

5 (b) The board must reconsider and increase limits on the amount  
6 of square feet permitted to be in production on July 24, 2015, and  
7 increase the percentage of production space for those cannabis  
8 producers who intend to grow plants for cannabis retailers holding  
9 medical cannabis endorsements if the cannabis producer designates the  
10 increased production space to plants determined by the department  
11 under RCW 69.50.375 to be of a THC concentration, CBD concentration,  
12 or THC to CBD ratio appropriate for cannabis concentrates, useable  
13 cannabis, or cannabis-infused products to be sold to qualifying  
14 patients. If current cannabis producers do not use all the increased  
15 production space, the board may reopen the license period for new  
16 cannabis producer license applicants but only to those cannabis  
17 producers who agree to grow plants for cannabis retailers holding  
18 medical cannabis endorsements. Priority in licensing must be given to  
19 cannabis producer license applicants who have an application pending  
20 on July 24, 2015, but who are not yet licensed and then to new  
21 cannabis producer license applicants. After January 1, 2017, any  
22 reconsideration of the limits on the amount of square feet permitted  
23 to be in production to meet the medical needs of qualifying patients  
24 must consider information contained in the medical cannabis  
25 authorization database established in RCW 69.51A.230;

26 (2)(a) Except as provided in RCW 69.50.335, determining, in  
27 consultation with the office of financial management, the maximum  
28 number of retail outlets, not including cannabis consumption event  
29 organizers licensed under section 2 of this act and authorized  
30 consumption events, that may be licensed in each county, taking into  
31 consideration:

32 (i) Population distribution;

33 (ii) Security and safety issues;

34 (iii) The provision of adequate access to licensed sources of  
35 cannabis concentrates, useable cannabis, and cannabis-infused  
36 products to discourage purchases from the illegal market; and

37 (iv) The number of retail outlets holding medical cannabis  
38 endorsements necessary to meet the medical needs of qualifying  
39 patients. The board must reconsider and increase the maximum number  
40 of retail outlets it established before July 24, 2015, and allow for

1 a new license application period and a greater number of retail  
2 outlets to be permitted in order to accommodate the medical needs of  
3 qualifying patients and designated providers. After January 1, 2017,  
4 any reconsideration of the maximum number of retail outlets needed to  
5 meet the medical needs of qualifying patients must consider  
6 information contained in the medical cannabis authorization database  
7 established in RCW 69.51A.230.

8 (b) (i) In making the determination under (a) of this subsection,  
9 the board must consider written input from an incorporated city or  
10 town, or county legislative authority when evaluating concerns  
11 related to outlet density.

12 (ii) An incorporated city or town, or county legislative  
13 authority, may enact an ordinance prescribing outlet density  
14 limitations. An ordinance may not affect licenses issued before the  
15 effective date of the ordinance prescribing outlet density  
16 limitations.

17 (iii) The board may adopt rules to identify how local  
18 jurisdiction input will be evaluated;

19 (3) Determining the maximum quantity of cannabis a cannabis  
20 producer may have on the premises of a licensed location at any time  
21 without violating Washington state law;

22 (4) Determining the maximum quantities of cannabis, cannabis  
23 concentrates, useable cannabis, (~~and~~) cannabis-infused products,  
24 and single-use cannabis products a cannabis processor may have on the  
25 premises of a licensed location at any time without violating  
26 Washington state law;

27 (5) Determining the maximum quantities of cannabis concentrates,  
28 useable cannabis, and cannabis-infused products a cannabis retailer  
29 may have on the premises of a retail outlet at any time without  
30 violating Washington state law;

31 (6) Determining the maximum quantities of cannabis, single-use  
32 cannabis products, and ready-to-consume cannabis products that a  
33 cannabis consumption event organizer licensee may have on its  
34 licensed premises or an authorized location at any time without  
35 violating Washington state law;

36 (7) In making the determinations required by this section, the  
37 board shall take into consideration:

38 (a) Security and safety issues;

39 (b) The provision of adequate access to licensed sources of  
40 cannabis, cannabis concentrates, useable cannabis, (~~and~~) cannabis-

1 infused products, single-use cannabis products, and ready-to-consume  
2 cannabis products to discourage purchases from the illegal market;  
3 and

4 (c) Economies of scale, and their impact on licensees' ability to  
5 both comply with regulatory requirements and undercut illegal market  
6 prices;

7 (~~(7)~~) (8) Determining the nature, form, and capacity of all  
8 containers to be used by licensees to contain cannabis, cannabis  
9 concentrates, useable cannabis, (~~and~~) cannabis-infused products,  
10 single-use cannabis products, and ready-to-consume cannabis products,  
11 and their labeling requirements;

12 (~~(8)~~) (9) In consultation with the department of agriculture  
13 and the department, establishing classes of cannabis, cannabis  
14 concentrates, useable cannabis, (~~and~~) cannabis-infused products,  
15 single-use cannabis products, and ready-to-consume cannabis products,  
16 according to grade, condition, cannabinoid profile, THC  
17 concentration, CBD concentration, or other qualitative measurements  
18 deemed appropriate by the board;

19 (~~(9)~~) (10) Establishing reasonable time, place, and manner  
20 restrictions and requirements regarding advertising of cannabis,  
21 cannabis concentrates, useable cannabis, (~~and~~) cannabis-infused  
22 products, single-use cannabis products, and ready-to-consume cannabis  
23 products, that are not inconsistent with the provisions of this  
24 chapter, taking into consideration:

25 (a) Federal laws relating to cannabis that are applicable within  
26 Washington state;

27 (b) Minimizing exposure of people under 21 years of age to the  
28 advertising;

29 (c) The inclusion of medically and scientifically accurate  
30 information about the health and safety risks posed by cannabis use  
31 in the advertising; and

32 (d) Ensuring that retail outlets with medical cannabis  
33 endorsements may advertise themselves as medical retail outlets;

34 (~~(10)~~) (11) Specifying and regulating the time and periods  
35 when, and the manner, methods, and means by which, licensees shall  
36 transport and deliver cannabis, cannabis concentrates, useable  
37 cannabis, (~~and~~) cannabis-infused products, and single-use cannabis  
38 products within the state;

39 (~~(11)~~) (12) In consultation with the department and the  
40 department of agriculture, prescribing methods of producing,

1 processing, and packaging cannabis, cannabis concentrates, useable  
2 cannabis, ~~((and))~~ cannabis-infused products, single-use cannabis  
3 products, and, as applicable, ready-to-consume cannabis products;  
4 conditions of sanitation; and standards of ingredients, quality, and  
5 identity of cannabis, cannabis concentrates, useable cannabis,  
6 ~~((and))~~ cannabis-infused products, single-use cannabis products, and  
7 ready-to-consume cannabis products produced, processed, packaged, or  
8 sold by licensees;

9 ~~((12))~~ (13) Specifying procedures for identifying, seizing,  
10 confiscating, destroying, and donating to law enforcement for  
11 training purposes all cannabis, cannabis concentrates, useable  
12 cannabis, ~~((and))~~ cannabis-infused products, single-use cannabis  
13 products, and ready-to-consume cannabis products produced, processed,  
14 packaged, labeled, or offered for sale in this state that do not  
15 conform in all respects to the standards prescribed by this chapter  
16 or the rules of the board;

17 (14) Licensing and regulation of cannabis consumption event  
18 organizers, to include at a minimum the following:

19 (a) Prescribing a list of single-use cannabis products comprising  
20 each type of cannabis and adult-use cannabis product that the board  
21 has determined to be appropriate for consumption at a consumption  
22 event;

23 (b) Establishing standards for the content, quality, and potency  
24 of ready-to-consume cannabis products including, without limitation,  
25 the maximum THC concentration for such products;

26 (c) Prescribing procedures and protocols for the preparation and  
27 safe handling of ready-to-consume cannabis products to ensure that  
28 each prepared product meets the standards established under (b) of  
29 this subsection;

30 (d) Establishing requirements relating to the sale of ready-to-  
31 consume cannabis products including, without limitation, requirements  
32 relating to notifications that must be provided to a purchaser of the  
33 product at the time of sale;

34 (e) Criteria for the approval of on-site consumption areas that  
35 are established by a licensee;

36 (f) The issuance of on-site consumption permits for each  
37 consumption event organized and conducted by a cannabis consumption  
38 event organizer licensee and notice to the board of all participating  
39 cannabis licensees in any consumption event organized and conducted  
40 by a cannabis consumption event organizer licensee;

1 (g) Requirements for the safe and healthful operation of  
2 consumption events and consumption areas including, without  
3 limitation: (i) Standards for the air quality in a cannabis  
4 consumption area; (ii) procedures and requirements for the collection  
5 and disposal of cannabis and cannabis products that are left at a  
6 cannabis consumption area or consumption event; and (iii)  
7 requirements for the training of employees of a cannabis consumption  
8 event organizer licensee in the sale and safe consumption of single-  
9 use cannabis products and ready-to-consume cannabis products; and

10 (h) Transaction limits on quantities of single-use cannabis  
11 products and ready-to-consume cannabis products a person age 21 or  
12 over may purchase from a consumption event.

13 **Sec. 7.** RCW 69.50.342 and 2022 c 16 s 63 are each amended to  
14 read as follows:

15 (1) For the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of  
16 chapter 3, Laws of 2013 according to their true intent or of  
17 supplying any deficiency therein, the board may adopt rules not  
18 inconsistent with the spirit of chapter 3, Laws of 2013 as are deemed  
19 necessary or advisable. Without limiting the generality of the  
20 preceding sentence, the board is empowered to adopt rules regarding  
21 the following:

22 (a) The equipment and management of retail outlets and premises  
23 where cannabis is produced ~~((~~or~~))~~, processed, prepared, or consumed,  
24 and inspection of the retail outlets and premises where cannabis is  
25 produced ~~((~~or~~))~~, processed, or prepared;

26 (b) The books and records to be created and maintained by  
27 licensees, the reports to be made thereon to the board, and  
28 inspection of the books and records;

29 (c) Methods of producing, processing, and packaging cannabis,  
30 useable cannabis, cannabis concentrates, ~~((and))~~ cannabis-infused  
31 products, single-use cannabis products, and, as applicable, ready-to-  
32 consume cannabis products; conditions of sanitation; safe handling  
33 requirements; approved pesticides and pesticide testing requirements;  
34 and standards of ingredients, quality, and identity of cannabis,  
35 useable cannabis, cannabis concentrates, ~~((and))~~ cannabis-infused  
36 products, single-use cannabis products, and, as applicable, ready-to-  
37 consume cannabis products produced, processed, packaged, or sold by  
38 licensees;

1 (d) Security requirements for retail outlets and premises where  
2 cannabis is produced or processed, and safety protocols for licensees  
3 and their employees;

4 (e) Screening, hiring, training, and supervising employees of  
5 licensees;

6 (f) Retail outlet locations and hours of operation;

7 (g) Labeling requirements and restrictions on advertisement of  
8 cannabis, useable cannabis, cannabis concentrates, cannabis health  
9 and beauty aids, and cannabis-infused products for sale in retail  
10 outlets, and requirements and restrictions for single-use cannabis  
11 products and ready-to-consume cannabis products for sale and  
12 consumption at consumption events;

13 (h) Forms to be used for purposes of this chapter and chapter  
14 69.51A RCW or the rules adopted to implement and enforce these  
15 chapters, the terms and conditions to be contained in licenses issued  
16 under this chapter and chapter 69.51A RCW, and the qualifications for  
17 receiving a license issued under this chapter and chapter 69.51A RCW,  
18 including a criminal history record information check. The board may  
19 submit any criminal history record information check to the  
20 Washington state patrol and to the identification division of the  
21 federal bureau of investigation in order that these agencies may  
22 search their records for prior arrests and convictions of the  
23 individual or individuals who filled out the forms. The board must  
24 require fingerprinting of any applicant whose criminal history record  
25 information check is submitted to the federal bureau of  
26 investigation;

27 (i) Application, reinstatement, and renewal fees for licenses  
28 issued under this chapter and chapter 69.51A RCW, and fees for  
29 anything done or permitted to be done under the rules adopted to  
30 implement and enforce this chapter and chapter 69.51A RCW;

31 (j) The manner of giving and serving notices required by this  
32 chapter and chapter 69.51A RCW or rules adopted to implement or  
33 enforce these chapters;

34 (k) Times and periods when, and the manner, methods, and means by  
35 which, licensees transport and deliver cannabis, cannabis  
36 concentrates, useable cannabis, ~~((and))~~ cannabis-infused products,  
37 single-use cannabis products, and ready-to-consume cannabis products  
38 within the state;

39 (l) Identification, seizure, confiscation, destruction, or  
40 donation to law enforcement for training purposes of all cannabis,



1 cannabis concentrates, useable cannabis, (~~and~~) cannabis-infused  
2 products, single-use cannabis products, and ready-to-consume cannabis  
3 products produced, processed, sold, or offered for sale within this  
4 state which do not conform in all respects to the standards  
5 prescribed by this chapter or chapter 69.51A RCW or the rules adopted  
6 to implement and enforce these chapters;

7 (m) The prohibition of any type of device used in conjunction  
8 with a cannabis vapor product and the prohibition of the use of any  
9 type of additive, solvent, ingredient, or compound in the production  
10 and processing of cannabis products, including cannabis vapor  
11 products, when the board determines, following consultation with the  
12 department of health or any other authority the board deems  
13 appropriate, that the device, additive, solvent, ingredient, or  
14 compound may pose a risk to public health or youth access; (~~and~~)

15 (n) Requirements for processors to submit under oath to the  
16 department of health a complete list of all constituent substances  
17 and the amount and sources thereof in each cannabis vapor product,  
18 including all additives, thickening agents, preservatives, compounds,  
19 and any other substance used in the production and processing of each  
20 cannabis vapor product;

21 (o) Licensing and regulatory requirements for cannabis  
22 consumption event organizers licensed under section 2 of this act;  
23 and

24 (p) Circumstances under which a person is authorized to consume  
25 single-use cannabis products and ready-to-consume cannabis products  
26 in a public licensed cannabis consumption event conducted under  
27 section 2 of this act. These rules may not prohibit a local  
28 government from adopting and enforcing an ordinance or rule governing  
29 the consumption of single-use cannabis products and ready-to-consume  
30 cannabis products in a public place in the jurisdiction of the local  
31 government that is more restrictive than the rules adopted by the  
32 board.

33 (2) Rules adopted on retail outlets holding medical cannabis  
34 endorsements must be adopted in coordination and consultation with  
35 the department.

36 (3) The board must adopt rules to perfect and expand existing  
37 programs for compliance education for licensed cannabis businesses  
38 and their employees. The rules must include a voluntary compliance  
39 program created in consultation with licensed cannabis businesses and  
40 their employees. The voluntary compliance program must include

1 recommendations on abating violations of this chapter and rules  
2 adopted under this chapter.

3 **Sec. 8.** RCW 69.50.331 and 2023 c 220 s 2 are each amended to  
4 read as follows:

5 (1) For the purpose of considering any application for a license  
6 to produce, process, research, transport, or deliver cannabis,  
7 useable cannabis, cannabis concentrates, or cannabis-infused products  
8 subject to the regulations established under RCW 69.50.385, or sell  
9 cannabis, or allow the consumption of cannabis products, or for the  
10 renewal of a license to produce, process, research, transport, or  
11 deliver cannabis, useable cannabis, cannabis concentrates, or  
12 cannabis-infused products subject to the regulations established  
13 under RCW 69.50.385, or sell cannabis, or allow the consumption of  
14 cannabis products, the board must conduct a comprehensive, fair, and  
15 impartial evaluation of the applications timely received.

16 (a) The board may cause an inspection of the premises to be made,  
17 and may inquire into all matters in connection with the construction  
18 and operation of the premises. For the purpose of reviewing any  
19 application for a license and for considering the denial, suspension,  
20 revocation, cancellation, or renewal or denial thereof, of any  
21 license, the board may consider any prior criminal arrests or  
22 convictions of the applicant, any public safety administrative  
23 violation history record with the board, and a criminal history  
24 record information check. The board may submit the criminal history  
25 record information check to the Washington state patrol and to the  
26 identification division of the federal bureau of investigation in  
27 order that these agencies may search their records for prior arrests  
28 and convictions of the individual or individuals who filled out the  
29 forms. The board must require fingerprinting of any applicant whose  
30 criminal history record information check is submitted to the federal  
31 bureau of investigation. The provisions of RCW 9.95.240 and of  
32 chapter 9.96A RCW do not apply to these cases. Subject to the  
33 provisions of this section, the board may, in its discretion, grant  
34 or deny the renewal or license applied for. Denial may be based on,  
35 without limitation, the existence of chronic illegal activity  
36 documented in objections submitted pursuant to subsections (7)(c) and  
37 (10) of this section. Authority to approve an uncontested or  
38 unopposed license may be granted by the board to any staff member the

1 board designates in writing. Conditions for granting this authority  
2 must be adopted by rule.

3 (b) No license of any kind may be issued to:

4 (i) A person under the age of 21 years;

5 (ii) A person doing business as a sole proprietor who has not  
6 lawfully resided in the state for at least six months prior to  
7 applying to receive a license;

8 (iii) A partnership, employee cooperative, association, nonprofit  
9 corporation, or corporation unless formed under the laws of this  
10 state, and unless all of the members thereof are qualified to obtain  
11 a license as provided in this section; or

12 (iv) A person whose place of business is conducted by a manager  
13 or agent, unless the manager or agent possesses the same  
14 qualifications required of the licensee.

15 (2) (a) The board may, in its discretion, subject to RCW  
16 43.05.160, 69.50.563, 69.50.562, 69.50.334, and 69.50.342(3) suspend  
17 or cancel any license; and all protections of the licensee from  
18 criminal or civil sanctions under state law for producing,  
19 processing, researching, or selling cannabis, cannabis concentrates,  
20 useable cannabis, or cannabis-infused products thereunder must be  
21 suspended or terminated, as the case may be.

22 (b) The board must immediately suspend the license of a person  
23 who has been certified pursuant to RCW 74.20A.320 by the department  
24 of social and health services as a person who is not in compliance  
25 with a support order. If the person has continued to meet all other  
26 requirements for reinstatement during the suspension, reissuance of  
27 the license is automatic upon the board's receipt of a release issued  
28 by the department of social and health services stating that the  
29 licensee is in compliance with the order.

30 (c) The board may request the appointment of administrative law  
31 judges under chapter 34.12 RCW who shall have power to administer  
32 oaths, issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses and the  
33 production of papers, books, accounts, documents, and testimony,  
34 examine witnesses, receive testimony in any inquiry, investigation,  
35 hearing, or proceeding in any part of the state, and consider  
36 mitigating and aggravating circumstances in any case and deviate from  
37 any prescribed penalty, under rules the board may adopt.

38 (d) Witnesses must be allowed fees and mileage each way to and  
39 from any inquiry, investigation, hearing, or proceeding at the rate  
40 authorized by RCW 34.05.446. Fees need not be paid in advance of

1 appearance of witnesses to testify or to produce books, records, or  
2 other legal evidence.

3 (e) In case of disobedience of any person to comply with the  
4 order of the board or a subpoena issued by the board, or any of its  
5 members, or administrative law judges, or on the refusal of a witness  
6 to testify to any matter regarding which he or she may be lawfully  
7 interrogated, the judge of the superior court of the county in which  
8 the person resides, on application of any member of the board or  
9 administrative law judge, compels obedience by contempt proceedings,  
10 as in the case of disobedience of the requirements of a subpoena  
11 issued from said court or a refusal to testify therein.

12 (3) Upon receipt of notice of the suspension or cancellation of a  
13 license, the licensee must forthwith deliver up the license to the  
14 board. Where the license has been suspended only, the board must  
15 return the license to the licensee at the expiration or termination  
16 of the period of suspension. The board must notify all other  
17 licensees in the county where the subject licensee has its premises  
18 of the suspension or cancellation of the license; and no other  
19 licensee or employee of another licensee may allow or cause any  
20 cannabis, cannabis concentrates, useable cannabis, or cannabis-  
21 infused products to be delivered to or for any person at the premises  
22 of the subject licensee.

23 (4) Every license issued under this chapter is subject to all  
24 conditions and restrictions imposed by this chapter or by rules  
25 adopted by the board to implement and enforce this chapter. All  
26 conditions and restrictions imposed by the board in the issuance of  
27 an individual license must be listed on the face of the individual  
28 license along with the trade name, address, and expiration date.

29 (5) Every licensee must post and keep posted its license, or  
30 licenses, in a conspicuous place on the premises.

31 (6) No licensee may employ any person under the age of 21 years.

32 (7)(a) Before the board issues a new or renewed license to an  
33 applicant it must give notice of the application to the chief  
34 executive officer of the incorporated city or town, if the  
35 application is for a license within an incorporated city or town, or  
36 to the county legislative authority, if the application is for a  
37 license outside the boundaries of incorporated cities or towns, or to  
38 the tribal government if the application is for a license within  
39 Indian country, or to the port authority if the application for a  
40 license is located on property owned by a port authority.

1 (b) The incorporated city or town through the official or  
2 employee selected by it, the county legislative authority or the  
3 official or employee selected by it, the tribal government, or port  
4 authority has the right to file with the board within (~~twenty~~) 20  
5 days after the date of transmittal of the notice for applications, or  
6 at least (~~thirty~~) 30 days prior to the expiration date for  
7 renewals, written objections against the applicant or against the  
8 premises for which the new or renewed license is asked. The board may  
9 extend the time period for submitting written objections upon request  
10 from the authority notified by the board.

11 (c) The written objections must include a statement of all facts  
12 upon which the objections are based, and in case written objections  
13 are filed, the city or town or county legislative authority may  
14 request, and the board may in its discretion hold, a hearing subject  
15 to the applicable provisions of Title 34 RCW. If the board makes an  
16 initial decision to deny a license or renewal based on the written  
17 objections of an incorporated city or town or county legislative  
18 authority, the applicant may request a hearing subject to the  
19 applicable provisions of Title 34 RCW. If a hearing is held at the  
20 request of the applicant, board representatives must present and  
21 defend the board's initial decision to deny a license or renewal.

22 (d) Upon the granting of a license under this title the board  
23 must send written notification to the chief executive officer of the  
24 incorporated city or town in which the license is granted, or to the  
25 county legislative authority if the license is granted outside the  
26 boundaries of incorporated cities or towns.

27 (8)(a) Except as provided in (b) through (e) of this subsection,  
28 the board may not issue a license for any premises within 1,000 feet  
29 of the perimeter of the grounds of any elementary or secondary  
30 school, playground, recreation center or facility, child care center,  
31 public park, public transit center, or library, or any game arcade  
32 admission to which is not restricted to persons aged 21 years or  
33 older.

34 (b) A city, county, or town may permit the licensing of premises  
35 within 1,000 feet but not less than 100 feet of the facilities  
36 described in (a) of this subsection, except elementary schools,  
37 secondary schools, and playgrounds, by enacting an ordinance  
38 authorizing such distance reduction, provided that such distance  
39 reduction will not negatively impact the jurisdiction's civil

1 regulatory enforcement, criminal law enforcement interests, public  
2 safety, or public health.

3 (c) A city, county, or town may permit the licensing of research  
4 premises allowed under RCW 69.50.372 within 1,000 feet but not less  
5 than 100 feet of the facilities described in (a) of this subsection  
6 by enacting an ordinance authorizing such distance reduction,  
7 provided that the ordinance will not negatively impact the  
8 jurisdiction's civil regulatory enforcement, criminal law  
9 enforcement, public safety, or public health.

10 (d) The board may license premises located in compliance with the  
11 distance requirements set in an ordinance adopted under (b) or (c) of  
12 this subsection. Before issuing or renewing a research license for  
13 premises within 1,000 feet but not less than 100 feet of an  
14 elementary school, secondary school, or playground in compliance with  
15 an ordinance passed pursuant to (c) of this subsection, the board  
16 must ensure that the facility:

17 (i) Meets a security standard exceeding that which applies to  
18 cannabis producer, processor, or retailer licensees;

19 (ii) Is inaccessible to the public and no part of the operation  
20 of the facility is in view of the general public; and

21 (iii) Bears no advertising or signage indicating that it is a  
22 cannabis research facility.

23 (e) The board must issue a certificate of compliance if the  
24 premises met the requirements under (a), (b), (c), or (d) of this  
25 subsection on the date of the application. The certificate allows the  
26 licensee to operate the business at the proposed location  
27 notwithstanding a later occurring, otherwise disqualifying factor.

28 (f) The board may not issue a license for any premises within  
29 Indian country, as defined in 18 U.S.C. Sec. 1151, including any fee  
30 patent lands within the exterior boundaries of a reservation, without  
31 the consent of the federally recognized tribe associated with the  
32 reservation or Indian country.

33 (9) A city, town, or county may adopt an ordinance prohibiting a  
34 cannabis producer or cannabis processor from operating or locating a  
35 business within areas zoned primarily for residential use or rural  
36 use with a minimum lot size of five acres or smaller.

37 (10) In determining whether to grant or deny a license or renewal  
38 of any license, the board must give substantial weight to objections  
39 from an incorporated city or town or county legislative authority  
40 based upon chronic illegal activity associated with the applicant's

1 operations of the premises proposed to be licensed or the applicant's  
2 operation of any other licensed premises, or the conduct of the  
3 applicant's patrons inside or outside the licensed premises. "Chronic  
4 illegal activity" means (a) a pervasive pattern of activity that  
5 threatens the public health, safety, and welfare of the city, town,  
6 or county including, but not limited to, open container violations,  
7 assaults, disturbances, disorderly conduct, or other criminal law  
8 violations, or as documented in crime statistics, police reports,  
9 emergency medical response data, calls for service, field data, or  
10 similar records of a law enforcement agency for the city, town,  
11 county, or any other municipal corporation or any state agency; or  
12 (b) an unreasonably high number of citations for violations of RCW  
13 46.61.502 associated with the applicant's or licensee's operation of  
14 any licensed premises as indicated by the reported statements given  
15 to law enforcement upon arrest.

16 (11) The board may not issue a cannabis retail license for any  
17 premises not currently licensed if:

18 (a) The board receives a written objection from the legislative  
19 authority of an incorporated city or town, or county legislative  
20 authority, relating to the physical location of the proposed  
21 premises;

22 (b) The objection to the location from the incorporated city or  
23 town, or county legislative authority, is received by the board  
24 within 20 days of the board notifying the incorporated city or town,  
25 or county legislative authority, of the proposed cannabis retail  
26 location; and

27 (c) The objection to the issuance of a cannabis retail license at  
28 the specified location is based on a preexisting local ordinance  
29 limiting outlet density in a specific geographic area. For purposes  
30 of this subsection (11), a preexisting local ordinance is an  
31 ordinance enacted and in effect before the date the applicant submits  
32 an application for a cannabis retail license to the board identifying  
33 the premises proposed to be licensed. No objection related to the  
34 physical location of a proposed premises may be made by a local  
35 government under this subsection (11) based on a local ordinance  
36 enacted after the date the applicant submits an application for a  
37 cannabis retail license to the board identifying the premises  
38 proposed to be licensed.

39 (12) After January 1, 2024, all cannabis licensees are encouraged  
40 but are not required to submit a social equity plan to the board.

1 Upon confirmation by the board that a cannabis licensee who is not a  
2 social equity applicant, and who does not hold a social equity  
3 license issued under RCW 69.50.335, has submitted a social equity  
4 plan, the board must within 30 days reimburse such a licensee an  
5 amount equal to the cost of the licensee's annual cannabis license  
6 renewal fee. The license renewal fee reimbursement authorized under  
7 this subsection is subject to the following limitations:

8 (a) The board may provide reimbursement one time only to any  
9 licensed entity; and

10 (b) Any licensed entity holding more than one cannabis license is  
11 eligible for reimbursement of the license renewal fee on only one  
12 license.

13 **Sec. 9.** RCW 69.50.325 and 2022 c 16 s 54 are each amended to  
14 read as follows:

15 (1) There shall be a cannabis producer's license regulated by the  
16 board and subject to annual renewal. The licensee is authorized to  
17 produce: (a) Cannabis for sale at wholesale to cannabis processors  
18 ~~((and)),~~ other cannabis producers, and cannabis consumption event  
19 organizer licensees; (b) immature plants or clones and seeds for sale  
20 to cooperatives as described under RCW 69.51A.250; and (c) immature  
21 plants or clones and seeds for sale to qualifying patients and  
22 designated providers as provided under RCW 69.51A.310. The licensee  
23 is also authorized to prepare and sell ready-to-consume cannabis  
24 products and sell useable cannabis, in the form of a single-use  
25 cannabis product, in a manner authorized by the board, to adults age  
26 21 and over at retail while participating in an approved consumption  
27 event conducted under section 2 of this act. The production,  
28 possession, delivery, distribution, and sale of cannabis, single-use  
29 cannabis products, and ready-to-consume cannabis products in  
30 accordance with the provisions of this chapter and the rules adopted  
31 to implement and enforce it, by a validly licensed cannabis producer,  
32 shall not be a criminal or civil offense under Washington state law.  
33 Every cannabis producer's license shall be issued in the name of the  
34 applicant, shall specify the location at which the cannabis producer  
35 intends to operate, which must be within the state of Washington, and  
36 the holder thereof shall not allow any other person to use the  
37 license. The application fee for a cannabis producer's license shall  
38 be ~~((two hundred fifty dollars))~~ \$250. The annual fee for issuance  
39 and renewal of a cannabis producer's license shall be ~~((one thousand~~



1 ~~three hundred eighty-one dollars))~~ \$1,381. A separate license shall  
2 be required for each location at which a cannabis producer intends to  
3 produce cannabis.

4 (2) There shall be a cannabis processor's license to process,  
5 package, and label cannabis concentrates, useable cannabis, and  
6 cannabis-infused products for sale at wholesale to cannabis  
7 processors and cannabis retailers, and process, package, and label  
8 single-use cannabis products for sale at wholesale to cannabis  
9 consumption event organizer licensees and to cannabis retailers  
10 participating at an approved consumption event under section 2 of  
11 this act, regulated by the board and subject to annual renewal. The  
12 licensee may sell single-use cannabis products and prepare and sell  
13 ready-to-consume cannabis products to adults age 21 and over while  
14 participating at a consumption event conducted under section 2 of  
15 this act. The processing, packaging, possession, delivery,  
16 distribution, and sale of cannabis, useable cannabis, cannabis-  
17 infused products, ~~((and))~~ cannabis concentrates, single-use cannabis  
18 products, and ready-to-consume cannabis products in accordance with  
19 the provisions of this chapter and chapter 69.51A RCW and the rules  
20 adopted to implement and enforce these chapters, by a validly  
21 licensed cannabis processor, shall not be a criminal or civil offense  
22 under Washington state law. Every cannabis processor's license shall  
23 be issued in the name of the applicant, shall specify the location at  
24 which the licensee intends to operate, which must be within the state  
25 of Washington, and the holder thereof shall not allow any other  
26 person to use the license. The application fee for a cannabis  
27 processor's license shall be ~~((two hundred fifty dollars))~~ \$250. The  
28 annual fee for issuance and renewal of a cannabis processor's license  
29 shall be ~~((one thousand three hundred eighty-one dollars))~~ \$1,381. A  
30 separate license shall be required for each location at which a  
31 cannabis processor intends to process cannabis.

32 (3) (a) There shall be a cannabis retailer's license to sell  
33 cannabis concentrates, useable cannabis, and cannabis-infused  
34 products at retail in retail outlets, and to sell single-use cannabis  
35 products and prepare and sell ready-to-consume cannabis products at  
36 consumption events under section 2 of this act, regulated by the  
37 board and subject to annual renewal. The possession, delivery,  
38 distribution, and sale of cannabis concentrates, useable cannabis,  
39 ~~((and))~~ cannabis-infused products, single-use cannabis products, and  
40 ready-to-consume cannabis products in accordance with the provisions

1 of this chapter and the rules adopted to implement and enforce it, by  
2 a validly licensed cannabis retailer, shall not be a criminal or  
3 civil offense under Washington state law. Every cannabis retailer's  
4 license shall be issued in the name of the applicant, shall specify  
5 the location of the retail outlet the licensee intends to operate,  
6 which must be within the state of Washington, and the holder thereof  
7 shall not allow any other person to use the license. The application  
8 fee for a cannabis retailer's license shall be (~~two hundred fifty~~  
9 ~~dollars~~) \$250. The annual fee for issuance and renewal of a cannabis  
10 retailer's license shall be (~~one thousand three hundred eighty one~~  
11 ~~dollars~~) \$1,381. A separate license shall be required for each  
12 location at which a cannabis retailer intends to sell cannabis  
13 concentrates, useable cannabis, and cannabis-infused products.

14 (b) An individual retail licensee and all other persons or  
15 entities with a financial or other ownership interest in the business  
16 operating under the license are limited, in the aggregate, to holding  
17 a collective total of not more than five retail cannabis licenses.

18 (c) (i) A cannabis retailer's license is subject to forfeiture in  
19 accordance with rules adopted by the board pursuant to this section.

20 (ii) The board shall adopt rules to establish a license  
21 forfeiture process for a licensed cannabis retailer that is not fully  
22 operational and open to the public within a specified period from the  
23 date of license issuance, as established by the board, subject to the  
24 following restrictions:

25 (A) No cannabis retailer's license may be subject to forfeiture  
26 within the first nine months of license issuance; and

27 (B) The board must require license forfeiture on or before  
28 (~~twenty-four~~) 24 calendar months of license issuance if a cannabis  
29 retailer is not fully operational and open to the public, unless the  
30 board determines that circumstances out of the licensee's control are  
31 preventing the licensee from becoming fully operational and that, in  
32 the board's discretion, the circumstances warrant extending the  
33 forfeiture period beyond (~~twenty-four~~) 24 calendar months.

34 (iii) The board has discretion in adopting rules under this  
35 subsection (3) (c).

36 (iv) This subsection (3) (c) applies to cannabis retailer's  
37 licenses issued before and after July 23, 2017. However, no license  
38 of a cannabis retailer that otherwise meets the conditions for  
39 license forfeiture established pursuant to this subsection (3) (c) may

1 be subject to forfeiture within the first nine calendar months of  
2 July 23, 2017.

3 (v) The board may not require license forfeiture if the licensee  
4 has been incapable of opening a fully operational retail cannabis  
5 business due to actions by the city, town, or county with  
6 jurisdiction over the licensee that include any of the following:

7 (A) The adoption of a ban or moratorium that prohibits the  
8 opening of a retail cannabis business; or

9 (B) The adoption of an ordinance or regulation related to zoning,  
10 business licensing, land use, or other regulatory measure that has  
11 the effect of preventing a licensee from receiving an occupancy  
12 permit from the jurisdiction or which otherwise prevents a licensed  
13 cannabis retailer from becoming operational.

14 (d) The board may issue cannabis retailer licenses pursuant to  
15 this chapter and RCW 69.50.335.

16 **Sec. 10.** RCW 69.50.346 and 2023 c 365 s 4 are each amended to  
17 read as follows:

18 (1) The label on a cannabis product package, including cannabis  
19 concentrates, useable cannabis, or cannabis-infused products, sold at  
20 retail, and single-use cannabis products sold and consumed at a  
21 consumption event conducted under a cannabis consumption event  
22 organizer license, must include:

23 (a) The business or trade name and Washington state unified  
24 business identifier number of the cannabis producer and processor;

25 (b) The lot numbers of the product;

26 (c) The THC concentration and CBD concentration of the product;

27 (d) Medically and scientifically accurate and reliable  
28 information about the health and safety risks posed by cannabis use;

29 (e) Language required by RCW 69.04.480; and

30 (f) A disclaimer, subject to the following conditions:

31 (i) Where there is one statement made under subsection (2) of  
32 this section, or as described in subsection (5)(b) of this section,  
33 the disclaimer must state "This statement has not been evaluated by  
34 the State of Washington. This product is not intended to diagnose,  
35 treat, cure, or prevent any disease."; and

36 (ii) Where there is more than one statement made under subsection  
37 (2) of this section, or as described in subsection (5)(b) of this  
38 section, the disclaimer must state "These statements have not been

1 evaluated by the State of Washington. This product is not intended to  
2 diagnose, treat, cure, or prevent any disease."

3 (2) (a) For cannabis products that have been identified by the  
4 department in rules adopted under RCW 69.50.375(4) in chapter 246-70  
5 WAC as being a compliant cannabis product, the product label and  
6 labeling may include a structure or function claim describing the  
7 intended role of a product to maintain the structure or any function  
8 of the body, or characterize the documented mechanism by which the  
9 product acts to maintain such structure or function, provided that  
10 the claim is truthful and not misleading.

11 (b) A statement made under (a) of this subsection may not claim  
12 to diagnose, mitigate, treat, cure, or prevent any disease.

13 (3) The labels and labeling may not be:

14 (a) False or misleading; or

15 (b) Especially appealing to children.

16 (4) The label is not required to include the business or trade  
17 name or Washington state unified business identifier number of, or  
18 any information about, the cannabis retailer selling the cannabis  
19 product.

20 (5) A cannabis product is not in violation of any Washington  
21 state law or rule of the board solely because its label or labeling  
22 contains:

23 (a) Directions or recommended conditions of use; or

24 (b) A warning describing the psychoactive effects of the cannabis  
25 product, provided that the warning is truthful and not misleading.

26 (6) This section does not create any civil liability on the part  
27 of the state, the board, any other state agency, officer, employee,  
28 or agent based on a cannabis licensee's description of a structure or  
29 function claim or the product's intended role under subsection (2) of  
30 this section.

31 (7) Nothing in this section shall apply to a drug, as defined in  
32 RCW 69.50.101, or a pharmaceutical product approved by the United  
33 States food and drug administration.

34 (8) The information required on a label under this section must,  
35 for ready-to-consume cannabis products sold under section 2 of this  
36 act, be provided either on a label meeting the requirements of this  
37 section or be provided to a consumer in accompanying material with  
38 the product in a format approved by the board.

1       **Sec. 11.** RCW 69.50.335 and 2023 c 220 s 3 are each amended to  
2 read as follows:

3       (1)(a) Beginning December 1, 2020, and until July 1, 2032,  
4 cannabis retailer licenses, cannabis processor licenses, ~~((and))~~  
5 cannabis producer licenses, and cannabis consumption event organizer  
6 licenses that have been subject to forfeiture, revocation, or  
7 cancellation by the board, or cannabis retailer licenses that were  
8 not previously issued by the board but could have been issued without  
9 exceeding the limit on the statewide number of cannabis retailer  
10 licenses established before January 1, 2020, by the board, may be  
11 issued or reissued to an applicant who meets the cannabis retailer  
12 license, cannabis processor license, ~~((or))~~ cannabis producer  
13 license, or cannabis consumption event organizer license requirements  
14 of this chapter.

15       (b) In accordance with (a) of this subsection, the board may  
16 issue or reissue:

17       (i) Up to 100 cannabis processor licenses immediately; and

18       (ii) Beginning January 1, 2025, up to 10 cannabis producer  
19 licenses, which must be issued in conjunction with a cannabis  
20 processor license.

21       (c) In addition to the cannabis retailer licenses and cannabis  
22 producer licenses that may be issued under (a) and (b) of this  
23 subsection, beginning January 1, 2023, and continuing every three  
24 years until July 1, 2032, the board may, with the approval of the  
25 legislature through the passage of a bill, increase the number of  
26 cannabis retailer licenses and cannabis producer licenses for the  
27 social equity program based on:

28       (i) The most recent census data available as of January 1, 2023;  
29 and

30       (ii) The annual population estimates published by the office of  
31 financial management.

32       (d) In addition to the cannabis retailer licenses that may be  
33 issued under (a) of this subsection, beginning January 1, 2024, and  
34 until July 1, 2032, the board may issue up to 52 cannabis retailer  
35 licenses for the social equity program.

36       (e)(i) At the time of licensure, all licenses issued under the  
37 social equity program under this section may be located in any city,  
38 town, or county in the state that allows cannabis retail, cannabis  
39 production, ~~((or))~~ cannabis processing, or cannabis consumption

1 business activities, as applicable, at the proposed location,  
2 regardless of:

3 (A) Whether a cannabis retailer license, cannabis producer  
4 license, (~~(or)~~) cannabis processor license, or cannabis consumption  
5 event organizer license was originally allocated to or issued in  
6 another city, town, or county; and

7 (B) The maximum number of retail cannabis licenses established by  
8 the board for each county under RCW 69.50.345.

9 (ii) The board must adopt rules establishing a threshold of the  
10 number of licenses created by this section that can be located in  
11 each county.

12 (f) After a social equity license has been issued under this  
13 section for a specific location, the location of the licensed  
14 business may not be moved to a city, town, or county different from  
15 the city, town, or county for which it was initially licensed.

16 (2) (a) In order to be considered for a cannabis retailer license,  
17 cannabis processor license, (~~(or)~~) cannabis producer license, or  
18 cannabis consumption event organizer license under subsection (1) of  
19 this section, an applicant must be a social equity applicant and  
20 submit required cannabis license materials to the board. If the  
21 application proposes ownership by more than one person, then at least  
22 51 percent of the proposed ownership structure must reflect the  
23 qualifications of a social equity applicant.

24 (b) Persons holding an existing cannabis retailer license or  
25 title certificate for a cannabis retailer business in a local  
26 jurisdiction subject to a ban or moratorium on cannabis retail  
27 businesses may apply for a license under this section.

28 (3) (a) In determining the priority for issuance of a license  
29 among applicants, the board must select a third-party contractor to  
30 identify and score social equity applicants, using a scoring rubric  
31 developed by the board. The board must rely on the score provided by  
32 the third-party contractor in issuing licenses.

33 (b) The board may deny any application submitted under this  
34 subsection if:

35 (i) The board determines that, upon the advice of the third-party  
36 contractor, the application does not meet the social equity licensing  
37 requirements of this chapter; or

38 (ii) The board determines the application does not otherwise meet  
39 licensing requirements.

1 (4) The board must adopt rules to implement this section. Prior  
2 to adopting any rule implementing this section, the board must  
3 consider advice on the social equity program from individuals the  
4 program is intended to benefit. Rules may also require that licenses  
5 awarded under this section only be transferred to or assumed by  
6 individuals or groups of individuals who comply with the requirements  
7 for initial licensure as a social equity applicant for a period of at  
8 least five years from the date of initial licensure.

9 (5) The annual fee for issuance, reissuance, or renewal for any  
10 license under this section must be waived through July 1, 2032.

11 (6) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this  
12 section unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

13 (a) "Disproportionately impacted area" means a census tract or  
14 comparable geographic area within Washington state where community  
15 members were more likely to be impacted by the war on drugs. These  
16 areas must be determined in rule by the board, in consultation with  
17 the office of equity, using a standardized statistical equation to  
18 identify areas with demographic indicators consistent with  
19 populations most impacted by the war on drugs. These areas must be  
20 assessed to account for demographic changes in the composition of the  
21 population over time. Disproportionately impacted areas must include  
22 census tracts or comparable geographic areas in the top 15th  
23 percentile in at least two of the following demographic indicators of  
24 populations most impacted by the war on drugs:

25 (i) The area has a high rate of people living under the federal  
26 poverty level;

27 (ii) The area has a high rate of people who did not graduate from  
28 high school;

29 (iii) The area has a high rate of unemployment; or

30 (iv) The area has a high rate of people receiving public  
31 assistance.

32 (b) "Social equity applicant" means an applicant who has at least  
33 51 percent ownership and control by one or more individuals who meet  
34 at least two of the following qualifications:

35 (i) Lived in a disproportionately impacted area in Washington  
36 state for a minimum of five years between 1980 and 2010;

37 (ii) Has been arrested or convicted of a cannabis offense or has  
38 a family member who has been arrested or convicted of a cannabis  
39 offense;

1 (iii) Had a household income in the year prior to submitting an  
2 application under this section that was less than the median  
3 household income within the state of Washington as calculated by the  
4 United States census bureau; or

5 (iv) Is both a socially and economically disadvantaged individual  
6 as defined by the office of minority and women's business enterprises  
7 under chapter 39.19 RCW.

8 (c) "Social equity goals" means:

9 (i) Increasing the number of cannabis retailer, producer, ~~((and))~~  
10 processor, and cannabis consumption event organizer licenses held by  
11 social equity applicants from disproportionately impacted areas; and

12 (ii) Reducing accumulated harm suffered by individuals, families,  
13 and local areas subject to severe impacts from the historical  
14 application and enforcement of cannabis prohibition laws.

15 (7) Except for the process detailed in subsection (1) of this  
16 section, the process for creating new cannabis retail licenses under  
17 this chapter remains unaltered.

18 **Sec. 12.** RCW 69.50.354 and 2022 c 16 s 70 are each amended to  
19 read as follows:

20 (1) There may be licensed, in no greater number in each of the  
21 counties of the state than as the board shall deem advisable, retail  
22 outlets established for the purpose of making cannabis concentrates,  
23 useable cannabis, and cannabis-infused products available for sale to  
24 adults aged ~~((twenty-one))~~ 21 and over.

25 (2) Retail sale of cannabis concentrates, useable cannabis, and  
26 cannabis-infused products in accordance with the provisions of this  
27 chapter and the rules adopted to implement and enforce it, by a  
28 validly licensed cannabis retailer or retail outlet employee, shall  
29 not be a criminal or civil offense under Washington state law.

30 (3) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply to cannabis  
31 consumption event organizers licensed under section 2 of this act.

32 **Sec. 13.** RCW 69.50.357 and 2024 c 360 s 4 are each amended to  
33 read as follows:

34 (1)(a) Retail outlets may not sell products or services other  
35 than cannabis concentrates, useable cannabis, cannabis-infused  
36 products, or paraphernalia intended for the storage or use of  
37 cannabis concentrates, useable cannabis, or cannabis-infused  
38 products.



1 (b)(i) Retail outlets may receive lockable boxes, intended for  
2 the secure storage of cannabis products and paraphernalia, and  
3 related literature as a donation from another person or entity, that  
4 is not a cannabis producer, processor, or retailer, for donation to  
5 their customers.

6 (ii) Retail outlets may donate the lockable boxes and provide the  
7 related literature to any person eligible to purchase cannabis  
8 products under subsection (2) of this section. Retail outlets may not  
9 use the donation of lockable boxes or literature as an incentive or  
10 as a condition of a recipient's purchase of a cannabis product or  
11 paraphernalia.

12 (iii) Retail outlets may also purchase and sell lockable boxes,  
13 provided that the sales price is not less than the cost of  
14 acquisition.

15 (2) Licensed cannabis retailers may not employ persons under  
16 (~~twenty-one~~) 21 years of age or allow persons under (~~twenty-one~~)  
17 21 years of age to enter or remain on the premises of a retail  
18 outlet. However, qualifying patients between (~~eighteen~~) 18 and  
19 (~~twenty-one~~) 21 years of age with a recognition card may enter and  
20 remain on the premises of a retail outlet holding a medical cannabis  
21 endorsement and may purchase products for their personal medical use.  
22 Qualifying patients who are under the age of (~~eighteen~~) 18 with a  
23 recognition card and who accompany their designated providers may  
24 enter and remain on the premises of a retail outlet holding a medical  
25 cannabis endorsement, but may not purchase products for their  
26 personal medical use.

27 (3)(a) Licensed cannabis retailers must ensure that all employees  
28 are trained on the rules adopted to implement this chapter,  
29 identification of persons under the age of (~~twenty-one~~) 21, and  
30 other requirements adopted by the board to ensure that persons under  
31 the age of (~~twenty-one~~) 21 are not permitted to enter or remain on  
32 the premises of a retail outlet.

33 (b) Licensed cannabis retailers with a medical cannabis  
34 endorsement must ensure that all employees are trained on the  
35 subjects required by (a) of this subsection as well as identification  
36 of authorizations and recognition cards. Employees must also be  
37 trained to permit qualifying patients who hold recognition cards and  
38 are between the ages of (~~eighteen~~) 18 and (~~twenty-one~~) 21 to  
39 enter the premises and purchase cannabis for their personal medical  
40 use and to permit qualifying patients who are under the age of

1 ((eighteen)) 18 with a recognition card to enter the premises if  
2 accompanied by their designated providers.

3 (4) Except for the purposes of disposal as authorized by the  
4 board, no licensed cannabis retailer or employee of a retail outlet  
5 may open or consume, or allow to be opened or consumed, any cannabis  
6 concentrates, useable cannabis, or cannabis-infused product on the  
7 outlet premises.

8 (5)(a) By December 31, 2024, licensed cannabis retailers shall  
9 post a conspicuous notice at the point of sale in retail outlets with  
10 information about: (i) The potential health risks and adverse health  
11 impacts that may be associated with the consumption of high THC  
12 cannabis; (ii) the potentially much higher risks that may be present  
13 for younger persons under age 25 as well as for persons who have or  
14 are at risk for developing certain mental health conditions or  
15 psychotic disorders; and (iii) where to find help in case of negative  
16 effects and resources for quitting or reducing cannabis consumption.  
17 The notice must be the same or substantially the same as the notice  
18 developed by the department of health under this subsection (5).

19 (b) The department of health shall develop the notice required  
20 under this section and section 2 of this act and make it available to  
21 licensed cannabis retailers and licensed cannabis consumption event  
22 organizers. The notice must, at a minimum, identify the information  
23 specified in (a)(i) through (iii) of this subsection, and may include  
24 additional information.

25 (6) The board must fine a licensee ((one thousand dollars))  
26 \$1,000 for each violation of any subsection of this section. Fines  
27 collected under this section must be deposited into the dedicated  
28 cannabis account created under RCW 69.50.530.

29 **Sec. 14.** RCW 69.50.380 and 2022 c 16 s 79 are each amended to  
30 read as follows:

31 (1) Cannabis producers, processors, ((and)) retailers, and  
32 cannabis consumption event organizers are prohibited from making  
33 sales of any cannabis ((or)), cannabis product, single-use cannabis  
34 product, or ready-to-consume cannabis product, if the sale of the  
35 cannabis or cannabis product is conditioned upon the buyer's purchase  
36 of any service or noncannabis product. This subsection applies  
37 whether the buyer purchases such service or noncannabis product at  
38 the time of sale of the cannabis or cannabis product, or in a  
39 separate transaction.

1 (2) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this  
2 section unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

3 (a) "Cannabis product" means "useable cannabis," "cannabis  
4 concentrates," (~~and~~) "cannabis-infused products," (~~as those terms~~  
5 ~~are defined in RCW 69.50.101.~~) "single-use cannabis products," or  
6 "ready-to-consume cannabis products."

7 (b) "Noncannabis product" includes paraphernalia, promotional  
8 items, lighters, bags, boxes, containers, and such other items as may  
9 be identified by the board.

10 (c) "Selling price" has the same meaning as in RCW 69.50.535.

11 (d) "Service" includes memberships and any other services  
12 identified by the board.

13 **Sec. 15.** RCW 69.50.369 and 2022 c 16 s 75 are each amended to  
14 read as follows:

15 (1) No licensed cannabis producer, processor, researcher, (~~or~~)  
16 retailer, or cannabis consumption event organizer may place or  
17 maintain, or cause to be placed or maintained, any sign or other  
18 advertisement for a cannabis business or cannabis product, including  
19 useable cannabis, cannabis concentrates, (~~or~~) cannabis-infused  
20 product, single-use cannabis product, or ready-to-consume cannabis  
21 product, in any form or through any medium whatsoever within (~~one~~  
22 ~~thousand~~) 1,000 feet of the perimeter of a school grounds,  
23 playground, recreation center or facility, child care center, public  
24 park, or library, or any game arcade admission to which is not  
25 restricted to persons aged (~~twenty-one~~) 21 years or older.

26 (2) Except for the use of billboards as authorized under this  
27 section, licensed cannabis retailers and licensed cannabis  
28 consumption event organizers may not display any signage outside of  
29 the licensed premises, other than two signs identifying the retail  
30 outlet or the cannabis consumption event organizer by the licensee's  
31 business or trade name, stating the location of the business, an  
32 approved consumption event under section 2 of this act for cannabis  
33 consumption event organizers, and identifying the nature of the  
34 business. Each sign must be no larger than (~~one thousand six~~  
35 ~~hundred~~) 1,600 square inches and be permanently affixed to a  
36 building or other structure. The location and content of the retail  
37 cannabis signs authorized under this subsection are subject to all  
38 other requirements and restrictions established in this section for

1 indoor signs, outdoor signs, and other cannabis-related advertising  
2 methods.

3 (3) A cannabis licensee may not utilize transit advertisements  
4 for the purpose of advertising its business or product line. "Transit  
5 advertisements" means advertising on or within private or public  
6 vehicles and all advertisements placed at, on, or within any bus  
7 stop, taxi stand, transportation waiting area, train station,  
8 airport, or any similar transit-related location.

9 (4) A cannabis licensee may not engage in advertising or other  
10 marketing practice that specifically targets persons residing outside  
11 of the state of Washington.

12 (5) All signs, billboards, or other print advertising for  
13 cannabis businesses or cannabis products must contain text stating  
14 that cannabis products may be purchased or possessed only by persons  
15 (~~(twenty-one)~~) 21 years of age or older.

16 (6) A cannabis licensee may not:

17 (a) Take any action, directly or indirectly, to target youth in  
18 the advertising, promotion, or marketing of cannabis and cannabis  
19 products, or take any action the primary purpose of which is to  
20 initiate, maintain, or increase the incidence of youth use of  
21 cannabis or cannabis products;

22 (b) Use objects such as toys or inflatables, movie or cartoon  
23 characters, or any other depiction or image likely to be appealing to  
24 youth, where such objects, images, or depictions indicate an intent  
25 to cause youth to become interested in the purchase or consumption of  
26 cannabis products; or

27 (c) Use or employ a commercial mascot outside of, and in  
28 proximity to, a licensed cannabis business. A "commercial mascot"  
29 means live human being, animal, or mechanical device used for  
30 attracting the attention of motorists and passersby so as to make  
31 them aware of cannabis products or the presence of a cannabis  
32 business. Commercial mascots include, but are not limited to,  
33 inflatable tube displays, persons in costume, or wearing, holding, or  
34 spinning a sign with a cannabis-related commercial message or image,  
35 where the intent is to draw attention to a cannabis business or its  
36 products.

37 (7) A cannabis licensee that engages in outdoor advertising is  
38 subject to the advertising requirements and restrictions set forth in  
39 this subsection (7) and elsewhere in this chapter.

1 (a) All outdoor advertising signs, including billboards, are  
2 limited to text that identifies the retail outlet or the cannabis  
3 consumption event organizer by the licensee's business or trade name,  
4 states the location of the business or an approved consumption event  
5 under section 2 of this act, and identifies the type or nature of the  
6 business. Such signs may not contain any depictions of cannabis  
7 plants, cannabis products, or images that might be appealing to  
8 children. The board is granted rule-making authority to regulate the  
9 text and images that are permissible on outdoor advertising. Such  
10 rule making must be consistent with other administrative rules  
11 generally applicable to the advertising of cannabis businesses and  
12 products.

13 (b) Outdoor advertising is prohibited:

14 (i) On signs and placards in arenas, stadiums, shopping malls,  
15 fairs that receive state allocations, farmers markets, and video game  
16 arcades, whether any of the foregoing are open air or enclosed, but  
17 not including any such sign or placard located in an adult only  
18 facility; and

19 (ii) Billboards that are visible from any street, road, highway,  
20 right-of-way, or public parking area are prohibited, except as  
21 provided in (c) of this subsection.

22 (c) Licensed retail outlets and licensed cannabis consumption  
23 event organizers may use a billboard or outdoor sign solely for the  
24 purpose of identifying the name of the business, the nature of the  
25 business, ~~((and))~~ providing the public with directional information  
26 to the licensed retail outlet, and, for a licensed cannabis  
27 consumption event organizer, information about a consumption event  
28 approved under section 2 of this act. Billboard advertising is  
29 subject to the same requirements and restrictions as set forth in (a)  
30 of this subsection.

31 (d) Advertising signs within the premises of a retail cannabis  
32 business outlet or at an approved consumption event that are visible  
33 to the public from outside the premises or event must meet the  
34 signage regulations and requirements applicable to outdoor signs as  
35 set forth in this section.

36 (e) The restrictions and regulations applicable to outdoor  
37 advertising under this section are not applicable to:

38 (i) An advertisement inside a licensed retail establishment or at  
39 an approved consumption event that sells cannabis products that is  
40 not placed on the inside surface of a window facing outward; or

1 (ii) An outdoor advertisement at the site of an event to be held  
2 at an adult only facility that is placed at such site during the  
3 period the facility or enclosed area constitutes an adult only  
4 facility, but in no event more than (~~fourteen~~) 14 days before the  
5 event, and that does not advertise any cannabis product other than by  
6 using a brand name to identify the event.

7 (8) Merchandising within a retail outlet or at a consumption  
8 event organized by a licensed cannabis consumption event organizer is  
9 not advertising for the purposes of this section.

10 (9) This section does not apply to a noncommercial message.

11 (10)(a) The board must:

12 (i) Adopt rules implementing this section and specifically  
13 including provisions regulating the billboards and outdoor signs  
14 authorized under this section; and

15 (ii) Fine a licensee (~~one thousand dollars~~) \$1,000 for each  
16 violation of this section until the board adopts rules prescribing  
17 penalties for violations of this section. The rules must establish  
18 escalating penalties including fines and up to suspension or  
19 revocation of a cannabis license for subsequent violations.

20 (b) Fines collected under this subsection must be deposited into  
21 the dedicated cannabis account created under RCW 69.50.530.

22 (11) A city, town, or county may adopt rules of outdoor  
23 advertising by licensed cannabis retailers that are more restrictive  
24 than the advertising restrictions imposed under this chapter.  
25 Enforcement of restrictions to advertising by a city, town, or county  
26 is the responsibility of the city, town, or county.

27 **Sec. 16.** RCW 69.50.390 and 2022 c 16 s 82 are each amended to  
28 read as follows:

29 (1) A retailer or cannabis consumption event organizer licensed  
30 under this chapter is prohibited from operating a vending machine, as  
31 defined in RCW 82.08.080(3) for the sale of cannabis products at  
32 retail or a drive-through purchase facility where cannabis products  
33 are sold at retail and dispensed through a window or door to a  
34 purchaser who is either in or on a motor vehicle or otherwise located  
35 outside of the licensed premises at the time of sale.

36 (2) The board may not issue, transfer, or renew a cannabis retail  
37 license for any licensee in violation of the provisions of subsection  
38 (1) of this section.

1       **Sec. 17.** RCW 69.50.334 and 2022 c 16 s 59 are each amended to  
2 read as follows:

3       (1) The action, order, or decision of the board as to any denial  
4 of an application for the reissuance of a license to produce,  
5 process, (~~(or)~~) sell cannabis, or allow the consumption of cannabis,  
6 or as to any revocation, suspension, or modification of any license  
7 to produce, process, or sell cannabis, or as to the administrative  
8 review of a notice of unpaid trust fund taxes under RCW 69.50.565,  
9 must be an adjudicative proceeding and subject to the applicable  
10 provisions of chapter 34.05 RCW.

11       (2) An opportunity for a hearing may be provided to an applicant  
12 for the reissuance of a license prior to the disposition of the  
13 application, and if no opportunity for a prior hearing is provided  
14 then an opportunity for a hearing to reconsider the application must  
15 be provided the applicant.

16       (3) An opportunity for a hearing must be provided to a licensee  
17 prior to a revocation or modification of any license and, except as  
18 provided in subsection (6) of this section, prior to the suspension  
19 of any license.

20       (4) An opportunity for a hearing must be provided to any person  
21 issued a notice of unpaid trust fund taxes under RCW 69.50.565.

22       (5) No hearing may be required under this section until demanded  
23 by the applicant, licensee, or person issued a notice of unpaid trust  
24 fund taxes under RCW 69.50.565.

25       (6) The board may summarily suspend a license for a period of up  
26 to (~~(one hundred eighty)~~) 180 days without a prior hearing if it  
27 finds that public health, safety, or welfare imperatively require  
28 emergency action, and it incorporates a finding to that effect in its  
29 order. Proceedings for revocation or other action must be promptly  
30 instituted and determined. An administrative law judge may extend the  
31 summary suspension period for up to one calendar year from the first  
32 day of the initial summary suspension in the event the proceedings  
33 for revocation or other action cannot be completed during the initial  
34 (~~(one hundred eighty-day)~~) 180-day period due to actions by the  
35 licensee. The board's enforcement division shall complete a  
36 preliminary staff investigation of the violation before requesting an  
37 emergency suspension by the board.

38       **Sec. 18.** RCW 69.50.339 and 2022 c 16 s 62 are each amended to  
39 read as follows:

1 (1) If the board approves, a license to produce, process, ~~((~~or~~))~~  
2 sell, or sell and allow the consumption of cannabis may be  
3 transferred, without charge, to the surviving spouse or domestic  
4 partner of a deceased licensee if the license was issued in the names  
5 of one or both of the parties. For the purpose of considering the  
6 qualifications of the surviving party to receive a cannabis  
7 producer's, cannabis processor's, ~~((~~or~~))~~ cannabis retailer's, or  
8 cannabis consumption event organizer's license, the board may require  
9 a criminal history record information check. The board may submit the  
10 criminal history record information check to the Washington state  
11 patrol and to the identification division of the federal bureau of  
12 investigation in order that these agencies may search their records  
13 for prior arrests and convictions of the individual or individuals  
14 who filled out the forms. The board shall require fingerprinting of  
15 any applicant whose criminal history record information check is  
16 submitted to the federal bureau of investigation.

17 (2) The proposed sale of more than ~~((~~ten~~))~~ 10 percent of the  
18 outstanding or issued stock of a corporation licensed under chapter  
19 3, Laws of 2013, or any proposed change in the officers of such a  
20 corporation, must be reported to the board, and board approval must  
21 be obtained before the changes are made. A fee of ~~((~~seventy-five~~~~  
22 ~~dollars))~~ \$75 will be charged for the processing of the change of  
23 stock ownership or corporate officers.

24 **Sec. 19.** RCW 69.50.445 and 2022 c 16 s 94 are each amended to  
25 read as follows:

26 (1) ~~((~~It~~))~~ Except as authorized at a consumption event under  
27 section 2 of this act, it is unlawful to open a package containing  
28 cannabis, useable cannabis, cannabis-infused products, ~~((~~or~~))~~  
29 cannabis concentrates, single-use cannabis products, and ready-to-  
30 consume cannabis products, or consume cannabis, useable cannabis,  
31 cannabis-infused products, ~~((~~or~~))~~ cannabis concentrates, single-use  
32 cannabis products, and ready-to-consume cannabis products, in view of  
33 the general public or in a public place.

34 (2) For the purposes of this section, "public place" has the same  
35 meaning as defined in RCW 66.04.010, but the exclusions in RCW  
36 66.04.011 do not apply.

37 (3) A person who violates this section is guilty of a class 3  
38 civil infraction under chapter 7.80 RCW.



1       **Sec. 20.** RCW 69.50.465 and 2022 c 16 s 96 are each amended to  
2 read as follows:

3       (1) ~~((~~It~~))~~ Except as authorized in section 2 of this act, it is  
4 unlawful for any person to conduct or maintain a cannabis club by  
5 himself or herself or by associating with others, or in any manner  
6 aid, assist, or abet in conducting or maintaining a cannabis club.

7       (2) It is unlawful for any person to conduct or maintain a public  
8 place where cannabis is held or stored(~~(, except as provided for a~~  
9 ~~licensee under this chapter,))~~ or consumption of cannabis is  
10 permitted, except as provided for a licensee under this chapter.

11       (3) Any person who violates this section is guilty of a class C  
12 felony punishable under chapter 9A.20 RCW.

13       (4) The following definitions apply throughout this section  
14 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

15       (a) "Cannabis club" means a club, association, or other business,  
16 for profit or otherwise, that conducts or maintains a premises for  
17 the primary or incidental purpose of providing a location where  
18 members or other persons may keep or consume cannabis on the  
19 premises. "Cannabis club" does not include a cannabis consumption  
20 event organizer or consumption event licensed or approved under  
21 section 2 of this act.

22       (b) "Public place" means, in addition to the definition provided  
23 in RCW 66.04.010, any place to which admission is charged or for  
24 which any pecuniary gain is realized by the owner or operator of such  
25 place.

26       **Sec. 21.** RCW 69.50.475 and 2022 c 16 s 97 are each amended to  
27 read as follows:

28       (1) Except as otherwise authorized in this chapter and as  
29 provided in subsection (2) of this section, an employee of a retail  
30 outlet or a cannabis consumption event organizer licensee who sells  
31 cannabis products to a person under the age of ~~((~~twenty-one~~ years))~~  
32 21 in the course of his or her employment is guilty of a gross  
33 misdemeanor.

34       (2) An employee of a retail outlet or a cannabis consumption  
35 event organizer licensee may be prosecuted under RCW 69.50.401 or  
36 69.50.406 or any other applicable provision, if the employee sells  
37 cannabis products to a person the employee knows is under the age of  
38 ~~((~~twenty-one~~))~~ 21 and not otherwise authorized to purchase cannabis  
39 products under this chapter, or if the employee sells or otherwise

1 provides cannabis products to a person under the age of (~~twenty-~~  
2 ~~one~~) 21 outside of the course of his or her employment.

3 **Sec. 22.** RCW 69.50.535 and 2024 c 79 s 1 are each amended to  
4 read as follows:

5 (1)(a) There is levied and collected a cannabis excise tax equal  
6 to (~~thirty-seven~~) 37 percent of the selling price on each retail  
7 sale in this state of cannabis concentrates, useable cannabis,  
8 (~~and~~) cannabis-infused products, single-use cannabis products, and  
9 ready-to-consume cannabis products. This tax is separate and in  
10 addition to general state and local sales and use taxes that apply to  
11 retail sales of tangible personal property, and is not part of the  
12 total retail price to which general state and local sales and use  
13 taxes apply. The tax must be separately itemized from the state and  
14 local retail sales tax on the sales receipt provided to the buyer.

15 (b) The tax levied in this section must be reflected in the price  
16 list or quoted shelf price in the licensed cannabis retail store,  
17 licensed cannabis consumption event organizer premises, or approved  
18 consumption event and in any advertising that includes prices for all  
19 useable cannabis, cannabis concentrates, (~~or~~) cannabis-infused  
20 products, single-use cannabis products, or ready-to-consume cannabis  
21 products.

22 (2)(a) Until June 30, 2029, the tax levied by subsection (1) of  
23 this section does not apply to sales by a cannabis retailer with a  
24 medical cannabis endorsement to qualifying patients or designated  
25 providers who have been issued a recognition card, of cannabis  
26 concentrates, useable cannabis, or cannabis-infused products,  
27 identified by the department as a compliant cannabis product in  
28 chapter 246-70 WAC and tested to the standards in WAC 246-70-040.

29 (b) Each seller making exempt sales under this subsection (2)  
30 must maintain information establishing eligibility for the exemption  
31 in the form and manner required by the board.

32 (c) The board must provide a separate tax reporting line on the  
33 excise tax form for exemption amounts claimed under this subsection  
34 (2).

35 (3) All revenues collected from the cannabis excise tax imposed  
36 under this section must be deposited each day in the dedicated  
37 cannabis account.

38 (4) The tax imposed in this section must be paid by the buyer to  
39 the seller. Each seller must collect from the buyer the full amount

1 of the tax payable on each taxable sale. The tax collected as  
2 required by this section is deemed to be held in trust by the seller  
3 until paid to the board. If any seller fails to collect the tax  
4 imposed in this section or, having collected the tax, fails to pay it  
5 as prescribed by the board, whether such failure is the result of the  
6 seller's own acts or the result of acts or conditions beyond the  
7 seller's control, the seller is, nevertheless, personally liable to  
8 the state for the amount of the tax.

9 (5) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this  
10 section unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

11 (a) "Retail sale" has the same meaning as in RCW 82.08.010.

12 (b) "Selling price" has the same meaning as in RCW 82.08.010,  
13 except that when product is sold under circumstances where the total  
14 amount of consideration paid for the product is not indicative of its  
15 true value, "selling price" means the true value of the product sold.

16 (c) "Product" means cannabis, cannabis concentrates, useable  
17 cannabis, ~~((and))~~ cannabis-infused products, single-use cannabis  
18 products, and ready-to-consume cannabis products.

19 (d) "True value" means market value based on sales at comparable  
20 locations in this state of the same or similar product of like  
21 quality and character sold under comparable conditions of sale to  
22 comparable purchasers. However, in the absence of such sales of the  
23 same or similar product, true value means the value of the product  
24 sold as determined by all of the seller's direct and indirect costs  
25 attributable to the product.

26 (6) (a) The board must regularly review the tax level established  
27 under this section and make recommendations, in consultation with the  
28 department of revenue, to the legislature as appropriate regarding  
29 adjustments that would further the goal of discouraging use while  
30 undercutting illegal market prices.

31 (b) The board must report, in compliance with RCW 43.01.036, to  
32 the appropriate committees of the legislature every two years. The  
33 report at a minimum must include the following:

34 (i) The specific recommendations required under (a) of this  
35 subsection;

36 (ii) A comparison of gross sales and tax collections prior to and  
37 after any cannabis tax change;

38 (iii) The increase or decrease in the volume of legal cannabis  
39 sold prior to and after any cannabis tax change;

1 (iv) Increases or decreases in the number of licensed cannabis  
2 producers, processors, and retailers;

3 (v) The number of illegal and noncompliant cannabis outlets the  
4 board requires to be closed;

5 (vi) Gross cannabis sales and tax collections in Oregon; and

6 (vii) The total amount of reported sales and use taxes exempted  
7 for qualifying patients. The department of revenue must provide the  
8 data of exempt amounts to the board.

9 (c) The board is not required to report to the legislature as  
10 required in (b) of this subsection after January 1, 2025.

11 (7) The legislature does not intend and does not authorize any  
12 person or entity to engage in activities or to conspire to engage in  
13 activities that would constitute per se violations of state and  
14 federal antitrust laws including, but not limited to, agreements  
15 among retailers as to the selling price of any goods sold.

16 **Sec. 23.** RCW 69.50.4013 and 2024 c 9 s 2 are each amended to  
17 read as follows:

18 (1) Except as otherwise authorized by this chapter, it is  
19 unlawful for any person to:

20 (a) Knowingly possess a controlled substance unless the substance  
21 was obtained directly from, or pursuant to, a valid prescription or  
22 order of a practitioner while acting in the course of his or her  
23 professional practice; or

24 (b) Knowingly use a controlled substance in a public place,  
25 unless the substance was obtained directly from, or pursuant to, a  
26 valid prescription or order of a practitioner while acting in the  
27 course of his or her professional practice.

28 (2)(a) Except as provided in RCW 69.50.4014 or 69.50.445, a  
29 violation of subsection (1)(a) or (b) of this section is a gross  
30 misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment of up to 180 days in jail, or  
31 by a fine of not more than \$1,000, or by both such imprisonment and  
32 fine, however, if the defendant has two or more prior convictions  
33 under subsection (1)(a) or (b) of this section occurring after July  
34 1, 2023, a violation of subsection (1)(a) or (b) of this section is  
35 punishable by imprisonment for up to 364 days, or by a fine of not  
36 more than \$1,000, or by both such imprisonment and fine. The  
37 prosecutor is encouraged to divert such cases for assessment,  
38 treatment, or other services.

1 (b) No person may be charged under both subsection (1)(a) and (b)  
2 of this section relating to the same course of conduct.

3 (c) In lieu of jail booking and referral to the prosecutor, law  
4 enforcement is encouraged to offer a referral to assessment and  
5 services available under RCW 10.31.110 or other program or entity  
6 responsible for receiving referrals in lieu of legal system  
7 involvement, which may include, but are not limited to, arrest and  
8 jail alternative programs established under RCW 36.28A.450, law  
9 enforcement assisted diversion programs established under RCW  
10 71.24.589, and the recovery navigator program established under RCW  
11 71.24.115.

12 (3)(a) The possession, by a person 21 years of age or older, of  
13 useable cannabis, cannabis concentrates, or cannabis-infused products  
14 in amounts that do not exceed those set forth in RCW 69.50.360(3), in  
15 addition to amounts of single-use cannabis products and ready-to-  
16 consume cannabis products authorized under section 2 of this act is  
17 not a violation of this section, this chapter, or any other provision  
18 of Washington state law.

19 (b) The possession of cannabis, useable cannabis, cannabis  
20 concentrates, (~~and~~) cannabis-infused products, single-use cannabis  
21 products, and ready-to-consume cannabis products being physically  
22 transported or delivered within the state, in amounts not exceeding  
23 those that may be established under RCW 69.50.385(3), by a licensed  
24 employee of a common carrier when performing the duties authorized in  
25 accordance with RCW 69.50.382 and 69.50.385, is not a violation of  
26 this section, this chapter, or any other provision of Washington  
27 state law.

28 (4)(a) The delivery by a person 21 years of age or older to one  
29 or more persons 21 years of age or older, during a single 24-hour  
30 period, for noncommercial purposes and not conditioned upon or done  
31 in connection with the provision or receipt of financial  
32 consideration, of any of the following cannabis products, is not a  
33 violation of this section, this chapter, or any other provisions of  
34 Washington state law:

- 35 (i) One-half ounce of useable cannabis;  
36 (ii) Eight ounces of cannabis-infused product in solid form;  
37 (iii) 36 ounces of cannabis-infused product in liquid form unless  
38 the cannabis-infused product in liquid form is packaged in individual  
39 units containing no more than four milligrams of THC per unit;

1 (iv) 100 milligrams of THC within a cannabis-infused product in  
2 liquid form if the product is packaged in individual units containing  
3 no more than four milligrams of THC per unit; (~~or~~)

4 (v) Three and one-half grams of cannabis concentrates; and

5 (vi) The amount of single-use cannabis products and ready-to-  
6 consume cannabis products that an adult age 21 and over may possess  
7 under section 2 of this act.

8 (b) The act of delivering cannabis or a cannabis product as  
9 authorized under this subsection (4) must meet one of the following  
10 requirements:

11 (i) The delivery must be done in a location outside of the view  
12 of general public and in a nonpublic place; or

13 (ii) The cannabis or cannabis product must be in the original  
14 packaging as purchased from the cannabis retailer, cannabis  
15 consumption event organizer licensee, or cannabis licensee  
16 participating in a consumption event under section 2 of this act.

17 (5) No person under 21 years of age may manufacture, sell,  
18 distribute, or knowingly possess cannabis, cannabis-infused products,  
19 or cannabis concentrates, regardless of THC concentration. This does  
20 not include qualifying patients with a valid authorization.

21 (6) The possession by a qualifying patient or designated provider  
22 of cannabis concentrates, useable cannabis, cannabis-infused  
23 products, or plants in accordance with chapter 69.51A RCW is not a  
24 violation of this section, this chapter, or any other provision of  
25 Washington state law.

26 (7) For the purposes of this section, "public place" has the same  
27 meaning as defined in RCW 66.04.010, but the exclusions in RCW  
28 66.04.011 do not apply.

29 (8) For the purposes of this section, "use a controlled  
30 substance" means to introduce the substance into the human body by  
31 injection, inhalation, ingestion, or any other means.

32 **Sec. 24.** RCW 70.160.020 and 2006 c 2 s 2 are each amended to  
33 read as follows:

34 As used in this chapter, the following terms have the meanings  
35 indicated unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

36 (1) "Smoke" or "smoking" means the carrying or smoking of any  
37 kind of lighted pipe, cigar, cigarette, or any other lighted smoking  
38 equipment. "Smoke" or "smoking" does not include carrying, lighting,  
39 or smoking cannabis products, as defined in RCW 69.50.101, in a

1 consumption area at a consumption event conducted by a cannabis  
2 consumption event organizer licensed by the liquor and cannabis board  
3 under section 2 of this act when in compliance with chapter 69.50 RCW  
4 and the liquor and cannabis board's rules.

5 (2) "Public place" means that portion of any building or vehicle  
6 used by and open to the public, regardless of whether the building or  
7 vehicle is owned in whole or in part by private persons or entities,  
8 the state of Washington, or other public entity, and regardless of  
9 whether a fee is charged for admission, and includes a presumptively  
10 reasonable minimum distance, as set forth in RCW 70.160.075, of  
11 (~~twenty-five~~) 25 feet from entrances, exits, windows that open, and  
12 ventilation intakes that serve an enclosed area where smoking is  
13 prohibited. A public place does not include a private residence  
14 unless the private residence is used to provide licensed child care,  
15 foster care, adult care, or other similar social service care on the  
16 premises.

17 Public places include, but are not limited to: Schools,  
18 elevators, public conveyances or transportation facilities, museums,  
19 concert halls, theaters, auditoriums, exhibition halls, indoor sports  
20 arenas, hospitals, nursing homes, health care facilities or clinics,  
21 enclosed shopping centers, retail stores, retail service  
22 establishments, financial institutions, educational facilities,  
23 ticket areas, public hearing facilities, state legislative chambers  
24 and immediately adjacent hallways, public restrooms, libraries,  
25 restaurants, waiting areas, lobbies, bars, taverns, bowling alleys,  
26 skating rinks, casinos, reception areas, and no less than (~~seventy-~~  
27 ~~five~~) 75 percent of the sleeping quarters within a hotel or motel  
28 that are rented to guests. A public place does not include a private  
29 residence. This chapter is not intended to restrict smoking in  
30 private facilities which are occasionally open to the public except  
31 upon the occasions when the facility is open to the public.

32 (3) "Place of employment" means any area under the control of a  
33 public or private employer which employees are required to pass  
34 through during the course of employment, including, but not limited  
35 to: Entrances and exits to the places of employment, and including a  
36 presumptively reasonable minimum distance, as set forth in RCW  
37 70.160.075, of (~~twenty-five~~) 25 feet from entrances, exits, windows  
38 that open, and ventilation intakes that serve an enclosed area where  
39 smoking is prohibited; work areas; restrooms; conference and  
40 classrooms; break rooms and cafeterias; and other common areas. A

1 private residence or home-based business, unless used to provide  
2 licensed child care, foster care, adult care, or other similar social  
3 service care on the premises, is not a place of employment.

4 **Sec. 25.** RCW 70.160.060 and 1995 c 369 s 60 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1) This chapter is not intended to regulate smoking in a private  
7 enclosed workplace, within a public place, even though such workplace  
8 may be visited by nonsmokers, excepting places in which smoking is  
9 prohibited by the chief of the Washington state patrol, through the  
10 director of fire protection, or by other law, ordinance, or  
11 regulation.

12 (2) This chapter is not intended to regulate or prevent the  
13 smoking of single-use cannabis products, as defined in RCW 69.50.101,  
14 outdoors or within a temporary structure, such as a tent with walls  
15 and a covered top, approved as a consumption area by the liquor and  
16 cannabis board, and meeting the requirements of chapter 69.50 RCW.  
17 Nothing in this subsection is intended to authorize the smoking of  
18 cigarettes or tobacco in any form whatsoever at a cannabis  
19 consumption event organizer's consumption event licensed by the  
20 liquor and cannabis board under section 2 of this act.

21 **Sec. 26.** RCW 69.50.101 and 2024 c 62 s 17 are each amended to  
22 read as follows:

23 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter  
24 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

25 (1) "Administer" means to apply a controlled substance, whether  
26 by injection, inhalation, ingestion, or any other means, directly to  
27 the body of a patient or research subject by:

28 (a) a practitioner authorized to prescribe (or, by the  
29 practitioner's authorized agent); or

30 (b) the patient or research subject at the direction and in the  
31 presence of the practitioner.

32 (2) "Agent" means an authorized person who acts on behalf of or  
33 at the direction of a manufacturer, distributor, or dispenser. It  
34 does not include a common or contract carrier, public  
35 warehouseperson, or employee of the carrier or warehouseperson.

36 (3) "Board" means the Washington state liquor and cannabis board.

37 (4) "Cannabis" means all parts of the plant *Cannabis*, whether  
38 growing or not, with a THC concentration greater than 0.3 percent on



1 a dry weight basis during the growing cycle through harvest and  
2 usable cannabis. "Cannabis" does not include hemp or industrial hemp  
3 as defined in RCW 15.140.020, or seeds used for licensed hemp  
4 production under chapter 15.140 RCW.

5 (5) "Cannabis concentrates" means products consisting wholly or  
6 in part of the resin extracted from any part of the plant *Cannabis*  
7 and having a THC concentration greater than ~~((ten))~~ 10 percent.

8 (6) "Cannabis consumption event organizer" means a type of  
9 license under which an individual or entity may coordinate  
10 consumption events for the consumption of single-use cannabis  
11 products and ready-to-consume cannabis products by adults age 21 and  
12 over, after obtaining a temporary on-site consumption permit from the  
13 board for each consumption event.

14 (7) "Cannabis processor" means a person licensed by the board to  
15 process cannabis into cannabis concentrates, useable cannabis, and  
16 cannabis-infused products, package and label cannabis concentrates,  
17 useable cannabis, and cannabis-infused products for sale in retail  
18 outlets, and sell cannabis concentrates, useable cannabis, and  
19 cannabis-infused products at wholesale to cannabis retailers.

20 ~~((7))~~ (8) "Cannabis producer" means a person licensed by the  
21 board to produce and sell cannabis at wholesale to cannabis  
22 processors and other cannabis producers.

23 ~~((8))~~ (9)(a) "Cannabis products" means useable cannabis,  
24 cannabis concentrates, ~~((and))~~ cannabis-infused products, single-use  
25 cannabis products, and ready-to-consume cannabis products as defined  
26 in this section, including any product intended to be consumed or  
27 absorbed inside the body by any means including inhalation,  
28 ingestion, or insertion, with any detectable amount of THC.

29 (b) "Cannabis products" also means any product containing only  
30 THC content.

31 (c) "Cannabis products" does not include cannabis health and  
32 beauty aids as defined in RCW 69.50.575 or products approved by the  
33 United States food and drug administration.

34 ~~((9))~~ (10) "Cannabis researcher" means a person licensed by the  
35 board to produce, process, and possess cannabis for the purposes of  
36 conducting research on cannabis and cannabis-derived drug products.

37 ~~((10))~~ (11) "Cannabis retailer" means a person licensed by the  
38 board to sell cannabis concentrates, useable cannabis, and cannabis-  
39 infused products in a retail outlet.

1       (~~(11)~~) (12) "Cannabis-infused products" means products that  
2 contain cannabis or cannabis extracts, are intended for human use,  
3 are derived from cannabis as defined in subsection (4) of this  
4 section, and have a THC concentration no greater than (~~ten~~) 10  
5 percent. The term "cannabis-infused products" does not include either  
6 useable cannabis or cannabis concentrates.

7       (~~(12)~~) (13) "CBD concentration" has the meaning provided in RCW  
8 69.51A.010.

9       (~~(13)~~) (14) "CBD product" means any product containing or  
10 consisting of cannabidiol.

11       (~~(14)~~) (15) "Commission" means the pharmacy quality assurance  
12 commission.

13       (~~(15)~~) (16) "Consumption area" means a space authorized under  
14 section 2 of this act and approved by the board at a location under  
15 the cannabis consumption event organizer license, where persons age  
16 21 and over may consume single-use cannabis products and ready-to-  
17 consume cannabis products by methods of consumption approved for the  
18 type of space as provided in section 2 of this act.

19       (17) "Consumption event" means a temporary event, not to exceed  
20 one event per calendar month lasting up to three consecutive days  
21 except as provided in section 2 of this act, that a cannabis  
22 consumption event organizer organizes and operates, which may include  
23 participation by cannabis producers, processors, and retailers  
24 licensed under this chapter or operating consistent with a compact  
25 entered into under RCW 43.06.490, after the cannabis consumption  
26 event organizer obtains a temporary on-site consumption permit from  
27 the board.

28       (18) "Controlled substance" means a drug, substance, or immediate  
29 precursor included in Schedules I through V as set forth in federal  
30 or state laws, or federal or commission rules, but does not include  
31 hemp or industrial hemp as defined in RCW 15.140.020.

32       (~~(16)~~) (19)(a) "Controlled substance analog" means a substance  
33 the chemical structure of which is substantially similar to the  
34 chemical structure of a controlled substance in Schedule I or II and:

35       (i) that has a stimulant, depressant, or hallucinogenic effect on  
36 the central nervous system substantially similar to the stimulant,  
37 depressant, or hallucinogenic effect on the central nervous system of  
38 a controlled substance included in Schedule I or II; or

39       (ii) with respect to a particular individual, that the individual  
40 represents or intends to have a stimulant, depressant, or

1 hallucinogenic effect on the central nervous system substantially  
2 similar to the stimulant, depressant, or hallucinogenic effect on the  
3 central nervous system of a controlled substance included in Schedule  
4 I or II.

5 (b) The term does not include:

6 (i) a controlled substance;

7 (ii) a substance for which there is an approved new drug  
8 application;

9 (iii) a substance with respect to which an exemption is in effect  
10 for investigational use by a particular person under Section 505 of  
11 the federal food, drug, and cosmetic act, 21 U.S.C. Sec. 355, or  
12 chapter 69.77 RCW to the extent conduct with respect to the substance  
13 is pursuant to the exemption; or

14 (iv) any substance to the extent not intended for human  
15 consumption before an exemption takes effect with respect to the  
16 substance.

17 (~~(17)~~) (20) "Deliver" or "delivery" means the actual or  
18 constructive transfer from one person to another of a substance,  
19 whether or not there is an agency relationship.

20 (~~(18)~~) (21) "Department" means the department of health.

21 (~~(19)~~) (22) "Designated provider" has the meaning provided in  
22 RCW 69.51A.010.

23 (~~(20)~~) (23) "Dispense" means the interpretation of a  
24 prescription or order for a controlled substance and, pursuant to  
25 that prescription or order, the proper selection, measuring,  
26 compounding, labeling, or packaging necessary to prepare that  
27 prescription or order for delivery.

28 (~~(21)~~) (24) "Dispenser" means a practitioner who dispenses.

29 (~~(22)~~) (25) "Distribute" means to deliver other than by  
30 administering or dispensing a controlled substance.

31 (~~(23)~~) (26) "Distributor" means a person who distributes.

32 (~~(24)~~) (27) "Drug" means (a) a controlled substance recognized  
33 as a drug in the official United States pharmacopoeia/national  
34 formulary or the official homeopathic pharmacopoeia of the United  
35 States, or any supplement to them; (b) controlled substances intended  
36 for use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention  
37 of disease in individuals or animals; (c) controlled substances  
38 (other than food) intended to affect the structure or any function of  
39 the body of individuals or animals; and (d) controlled substances  
40 intended for use as a component of any article specified in (a), (b),

1 or (c) of this subsection. The term does not include devices or their  
2 components, parts, or accessories.

3 ~~((25))~~ (28) "Drug enforcement administration" means the drug  
4 enforcement administration in the United States Department of  
5 Justice, or its successor agency.

6 ~~((26))~~ (29) "Electronic communication of prescription  
7 information" means the transmission of a prescription or refill  
8 authorization for a drug of a practitioner using computer systems.  
9 The term does not include a prescription or refill authorization  
10 verbally transmitted by telephone nor a facsimile manually signed by  
11 the practitioner.

12 ~~((27))~~ (30) "Immature plant or clone" means a plant or clone  
13 that has no flowers, is less than ~~((twelve))~~ 12 inches in height, and  
14 is less than ~~((twelve))~~ 12 inches in diameter.

15 ~~((28))~~ (31) "Immediate precursor" means a substance:

16 (a) that the commission has found to be and by rule designates as  
17 being the principal compound commonly used, or produced primarily for  
18 use, in the manufacture of a controlled substance;

19 (b) that is an immediate chemical intermediary used or likely to  
20 be used in the manufacture of a controlled substance; and

21 (c) the control of which is necessary to prevent, curtail, or  
22 limit the manufacture of the controlled substance.

23 ~~((29))~~ (32) "Isomer" means an optical isomer, but in subsection  
24 ~~((33))~~ (36)(e) of this section, RCW 69.50.204(1) (l) and (hh), and  
25 69.50.206(2)(d), the term includes any geometrical isomer; in RCW  
26 69.50.204(1) (h) and (pp) ~~((r))~~ and 69.50.210(3) ~~((r))~~, the term  
27 includes any positional isomer; and in RCW 69.50.204(1)(ii),  
28 69.50.204(3), and 69.50.208(1) ~~((r))~~, the term includes any  
29 positional or geometric isomer.

30 ~~((30))~~ (33) "Lot" means a definite quantity of cannabis,  
31 cannabis concentrates, useable cannabis, or cannabis-infused product  
32 identified by a lot number, every portion or package of which is  
33 uniform within recognized tolerances for the factors that appear in  
34 the labeling.

35 ~~((31))~~ (34) "Lot number" must identify the licensee by business  
36 or trade name and Washington state unified business identifier  
37 number, and the date of harvest or processing for each lot of  
38 cannabis, cannabis concentrates, useable cannabis, or cannabis-  
39 infused product.

1       (~~(32)~~) (35) "Manufacture" means the production, preparation,  
2 propagation, compounding, conversion, or processing of a controlled  
3 substance, either directly or indirectly or by extraction from  
4 substances of natural origin, or independently by means of chemical  
5 synthesis, or by a combination of extraction and chemical synthesis,  
6 and includes any packaging or repackaging of the substance or  
7 labeling or relabeling of its container. The term does not include  
8 the preparation, compounding, packaging, repackaging, labeling, or  
9 relabeling of a controlled substance:

10       (a) by a practitioner as an incident to the practitioner's  
11 administering or dispensing of a controlled substance in the course  
12 of the practitioner's professional practice; or

13       (b) by a practitioner, or by the practitioner's authorized agent  
14 under the practitioner's supervision, for the purpose of, or as an  
15 incident to, research, teaching, or chemical analysis and not for  
16 sale.

17       (~~(33)~~) (36) "Narcotic drug" means any of the following, whether  
18 produced directly or indirectly by extraction from substances of  
19 vegetable origin, or independently by means of chemical synthesis, or  
20 by a combination of extraction and chemical synthesis:

21       (a) Opium, opium derivative, and any derivative of opium or opium  
22 derivative, including their salts, isomers, and salts of isomers,  
23 whenever the existence of the salts, isomers, and salts of isomers is  
24 possible within the specific chemical designation. The term does not  
25 include the isoquinoline alkaloids of opium.

26       (b) Synthetic opiate and any derivative of synthetic opiate,  
27 including their isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers,  
28 esters, and ethers, whenever the existence of the isomers, esters,  
29 ethers, and salts is possible within the specific chemical  
30 designation.

31       (c) Poppy straw and concentrate of poppy straw.

32       (d) Coca leaves, except coca leaves and extracts of coca leaves  
33 from which cocaine, ecgonine, and derivatives or ecgonine or their  
34 salts have been removed.

35       (e) Cocaine, or any salt, isomer, or salt of isomer thereof.

36       (f) Cocaine base.

37       (g) Ecgonine, or any derivative, salt, isomer, or salt of isomer  
38 thereof.

39       (h) Any compound, mixture, or preparation containing any quantity  
40 of any substance referred to in (a) through (g) of this subsection.

1       (~~(34)~~) (37) "Opiate" means any substance having an addiction-  
2 forming or addiction-sustaining liability similar to morphine or  
3 being capable of conversion into a drug having addiction-forming or  
4 addiction-sustaining liability. The term includes opium, substances  
5 derived from opium (opium derivatives), and synthetic opiates. The  
6 term does not include, unless specifically designated as controlled  
7 under RCW 69.50.201, the dextrorotatory isomer of 3-methoxy-n-  
8 methylmorphinan and its salts (dextromethorphan). The term includes  
9 the racemic and levorotatory forms of dextromethorphan.

10       (~~(35)~~) (38) "Opium poppy" means the plant of the species  
11 Papaver somniferum L., except its seeds.

12       (~~(36)~~) (39) "Package" means a container that has a single unit  
13 or group of units.

14       (~~(37)~~) (40) "Person" means individual, corporation, business  
15 trust, estate, trust, partnership, association, joint venture,  
16 government, governmental subdivision or agency, or any other legal or  
17 commercial entity.

18       (~~(38)~~) (41) "Plant" has the meaning provided in RCW 69.51A.010.

19       (~~(39)~~) (42) "Poppy straw" means all parts, except the seeds, of  
20 the opium poppy, after mowing.

21       (~~(40)~~) (43) "Practitioner" means:

22       (a) A physician under chapter 18.71 RCW; a physician assistant  
23 under chapter 18.71A RCW; an osteopathic physician and surgeon under  
24 chapter 18.57 RCW; an optometrist licensed under chapter 18.53 RCW  
25 who is certified by the optometry board under RCW 18.53.010 subject  
26 to any limitations in RCW 18.53.010; a dentist under chapter 18.32  
27 RCW; a podiatric physician and surgeon under chapter 18.22 RCW; a  
28 veterinarian under chapter 18.92 RCW; a registered nurse, advanced  
29 registered nurse practitioner, or licensed practical nurse under  
30 chapter 18.79 RCW; a naturopathic physician under chapter 18.36A RCW  
31 who is licensed under RCW 18.36A.030 subject to any limitations in  
32 RCW 18.36A.040; a pharmacist under chapter 18.64 RCW or a scientific  
33 investigator under this chapter, licensed, registered or otherwise  
34 permitted insofar as is consistent with those licensing laws to  
35 distribute, dispense, conduct research with respect to or administer  
36 a controlled substance in the course of their professional practice  
37 or research in this state.

38       (b) A pharmacy, hospital or other institution licensed,  
39 registered, or otherwise permitted to distribute, dispense, conduct

1 research with respect to or to administer a controlled substance in  
2 the course of professional practice or research in this state.

3 (c) A physician licensed to practice medicine and surgery, a  
4 physician licensed to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery, a  
5 dentist licensed to practice dentistry, a podiatric physician and  
6 surgeon licensed to practice podiatric medicine and surgery, a  
7 licensed physician assistant or a licensed osteopathic physician  
8 assistant specifically approved to prescribe controlled substances by  
9 his or her state's medical commission or equivalent and his or her  
10 participating physician as defined in RCW 18.71A.010, an advanced  
11 registered nurse practitioner licensed to prescribe controlled  
12 substances, or a veterinarian licensed to practice veterinary  
13 medicine in any state of the United States.

14 ~~((41))~~ (44) "Prescription" means an order for controlled  
15 substances issued by a practitioner duly authorized by law or rule in  
16 the state of Washington to prescribe controlled substances within the  
17 scope of his or her professional practice for a legitimate medical  
18 purpose.

19 ~~((42))~~ (45) "Production" includes the manufacturing, planting,  
20 cultivating, growing, or harvesting of a controlled substance.

21 ~~((43))~~ (46) "Qualifying patient" has the meaning provided in  
22 RCW 69.51A.010.

23 ~~((44))~~ (47) "Ready-to-consume cannabis product" means a  
24 cannabis product that is prepared on the premises of a licensed  
25 cannabis consumption event organizer or an approved consumption  
26 event, presented in the form of a foodstuff or beverage, sold in a  
27 heated or unheated state, intended for immediate consumption, and  
28 that the board has determined to be an appropriate product for  
29 consumption at a consumption event.

30 (48) "Recognition card" has the meaning provided in RCW  
31 69.51A.010.

32 ~~((45))~~ (49) "Retail outlet" means a location licensed by the  
33 board for the retail sale of cannabis concentrates, useable cannabis,  
34 ~~(and)~~ cannabis-infused products, but does not include a cannabis  
35 consumption event organizer or a consumption event approved under  
36 section 2 of this act.

37 ~~((46))~~ (50) "Secretary" means the secretary of health or the  
38 secretary's designee.

39 ~~((47))~~ (51) "Single-use cannabis product" means a type of  
40 product containing cannabis, other than a ready-to-consume cannabis

1 product, that the board has determined to be appropriate for  
2 consumption in a cannabis consumption area under section 2 of this  
3 act. A single-use cannabis product may be a form of useable cannabis,  
4 cannabis-infused product in solid or liquid form, or cannabis  
5 concentrate, that is smoked, vaporized, consumed, or ingested.

6 (52) "Social equity plan" means a plan that addresses at least  
7 some of the elements outlined in this subsection (~~((47))~~) (52), along  
8 with any additional plan components or requirements approved by the  
9 board following consultation with the task force created in RCW  
10 69.50.336. The plan may include:

11 (a) A statement that indicates how the cannabis licensee will  
12 work to promote social equity goals in their community;

13 (b) A description of how the cannabis licensee will meet social  
14 equity goals as defined in RCW 69.50.335;

15 (c) The composition of the workforce the licensee has employed or  
16 intends to hire; and

17 (d) Business plans involving partnerships or assistance to  
18 organizations or residents with connections to populations with a  
19 history of high rates of enforcement of cannabis prohibition.

20 (~~((48))~~) (53) "State," unless the context otherwise requires,  
21 means a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, the  
22 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or a territory or insular possession  
23 subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

24 (~~((49))~~) (54) "Temporary on-site consumption permit" means an  
25 official authorization documented by the board for a cannabis  
26 consumption event organizer to host a consumption event.

27 (55) "THC concentration" means percent of tetrahydrocannabinol  
28 content of any part of the plant *Cannabis*, or per volume or weight of  
29 cannabis product, or the combined percent of tetrahydrocannabinol and  
30 tetrahydrocannabinolic acid in any part of the plant *Cannabis*  
31 regardless of moisture content.

32 (~~((50))~~) (56) "Ultimate user" means an individual who lawfully  
33 possesses a controlled substance for the individual's own use or for  
34 the use of a member of the individual's household or for  
35 administering to an animal owned by the individual or by a member of  
36 the individual's household.

37 (~~((51))~~) (57) "Unit" means an individual consumable item within a  
38 package of one or more consumable items in solid, liquid, gas, or any  
39 form intended for human consumption.



1       (~~(52)~~) (58) "Useable cannabis" means dried cannabis flowers.  
2 The term "useable cannabis" does not include either cannabis-infused  
3 products or cannabis concentrates.

4       (~~(53)~~) (59) "Warehouse" means an indoor structure or a portion  
5 of the structure on a cannabis consumption event organizer's premises  
6 at its principal place of business used for the onsite storage of  
7 cannabis and single-use cannabis products in compliance with the  
8 requirements of the board, including for security, storage, and  
9 disposal.

10       (60) "Youth access" means the level of interest persons under the  
11 age of (~~twenty-one~~) 21 may have in a vapor product, as well as the  
12 degree to which the product is available or appealing to such  
13 persons, and the likelihood of initiation, use, or addiction by  
14 adolescents and young adults.

15       **Sec. 27.** RCW 43.06.490 and 2022 c 16 s 33 are each amended to  
16 read as follows:

17       (1) The governor may enter into agreements with federally  
18 recognized Indian tribes concerning cannabis. Cannabis agreements may  
19 address any cannabis-related issue that involves both state and  
20 tribal interests or otherwise has an impact on tribal-state  
21 relations. Such agreements may include, but are not limited to, the  
22 following provisions and subject matter:

23       (a) Criminal and civil law enforcement;

24       (b) Regulatory issues related to the commercial production,  
25 processing, sale, (~~and~~) possession, and consumption of cannabis,  
26 and processed cannabis products, for both recreational and medical  
27 purposes;

28       (c) Medical and pharmaceutical research involving cannabis;

29       (d) Taxation in accordance with subsection (2) of this section;

30       (e) Any tribal immunities or preemption of state law regarding  
31 the production, processing, or marketing of cannabis; and

32       (f) Dispute resolution, including the use of mediation or other  
33 nonjudicial process.

34       (2)(a) Each cannabis agreement adopted under this section must  
35 provide for a tribal cannabis tax that is at least (~~one hundred~~)  
36 100 percent of the state cannabis excise tax imposed under RCW  
37 69.50.535 and state and local sales and use taxes on sales of  
38 cannabis. Cannabis agreements apply to sales in which tribes, tribal  
39 enterprises, or tribal member-owned businesses (i) deliver or cause

1 delivery to be made to or receive delivery from a cannabis producer,  
2 processor, ~~((and))~~ retailer, or cannabis consumption event organizer  
3 licensed under chapter 69.50 RCW or (ii) physically transfer  
4 possession of the cannabis from the seller to the buyer within Indian  
5 country.

6 (b) The tribe may allow an exemption from tax for sales to the  
7 tribe, tribal enterprises, tribal member-owned businesses, or tribal  
8 members, on cannabis grown, produced, or processed within its Indian  
9 country, or for activities to the extent they are exempt under state  
10 or federal law from the state cannabis excise tax imposed under RCW  
11 69.50.535 or state and local sales or use taxes on sales of cannabis.  
12 Medical cannabis products used in the course of medical treatments by  
13 a clinic, hospital, or similar facility owned and operated by a  
14 federally recognized Indian tribe within its Indian country may be  
15 exempted from tax under the terms of an agreement entered into under  
16 this section.

17 (3) Any cannabis agreement relating to the production,  
18 processing, ~~((and))~~ sale, and consumption of cannabis in Indian  
19 country, whether for recreational or medical purposes, must address  
20 the following issues:

21 (a) Preservation of public health and safety;

22 (b) Ensuring the security of production, processing, retail, and  
23 research facilities; and

24 (c) Cross-border commerce in cannabis.

25 (4) The governor may delegate the power to negotiate cannabis  
26 agreements to the state liquor and cannabis board. In conducting such  
27 negotiations, the state liquor and cannabis board must, when  
28 necessary, consult with the governor and/or the department of  
29 revenue.

30 (5) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this  
31 section unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

32 (a) "Indian country" has the same meaning as in RCW 82.24.010.

33 (b) "Indian tribe" or "tribe" means a federally recognized Indian  
34 tribe located within the geographical boundaries of the state of  
35 Washington.

36 (c) "Cannabis" means "cannabis," "cannabis concentrates,"  
37 "cannabis-infused products," ~~((and))~~ "useable cannabis," "single-use

1 cannabis products," and "ready-to-consume cannabis products," as  
2 those terms are defined in RCW 69.50.101.

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