



Cannabis Science Task Force

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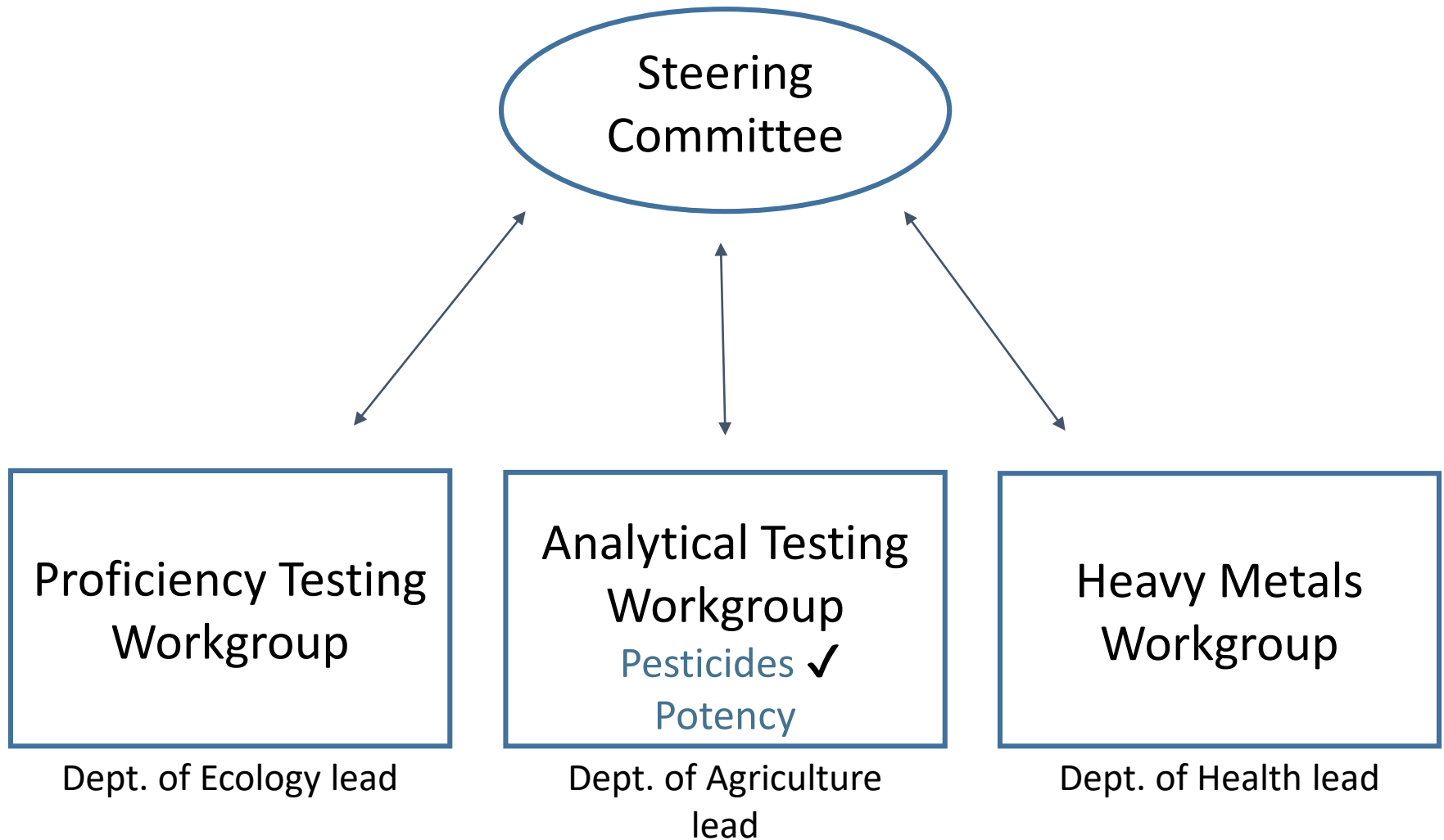
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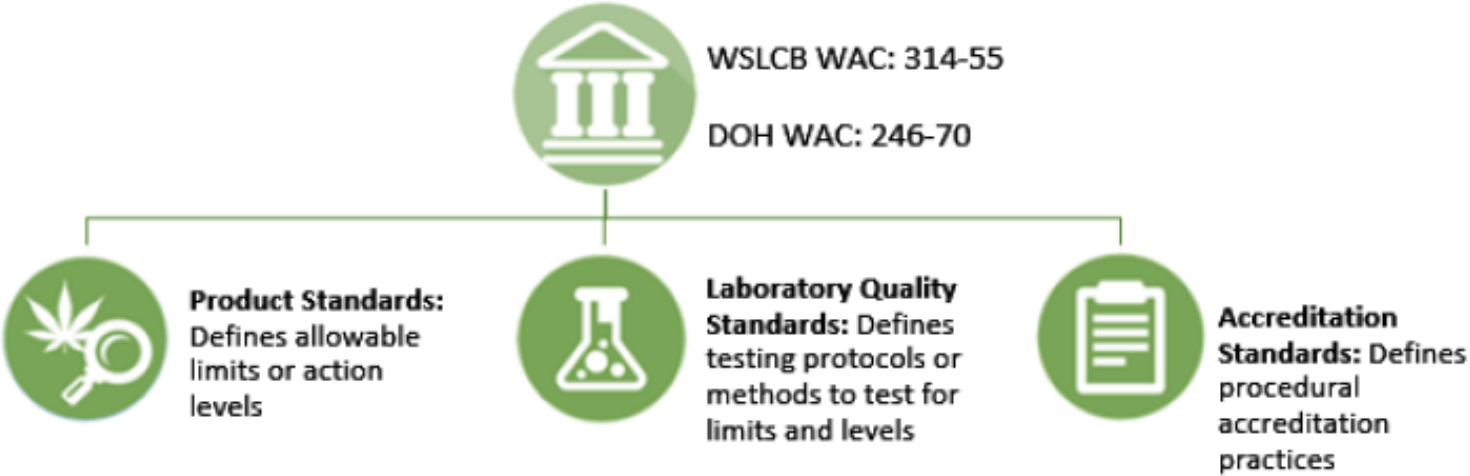
House Bill 2052 (2019)

- Established a Cannabis Science Task Force to recommend lab quality standards.
- Transfers the authority to set accreditation requirements from Liquor and Cannabis Board to Ecology in July 2024.

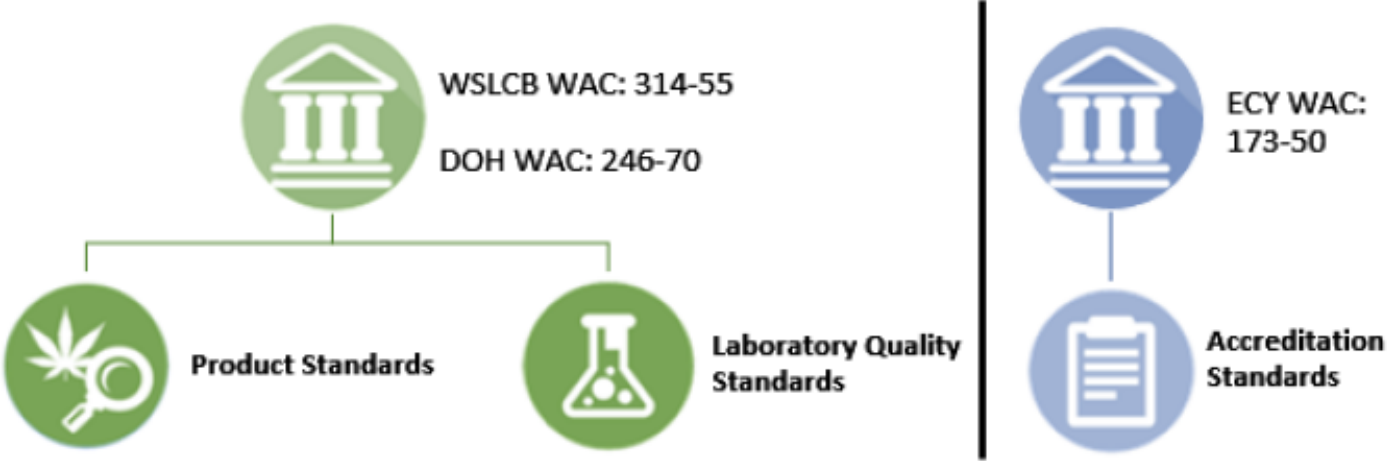
Cannabis Science Task Force Structure



Current Authority Map



Future Authority Map Under RCW 69.50.348



Laboratory Quality Standards for Pesticides in Cannabis Plants and Products Report

Submitted July 1, 2020

Report Recommendations

- 1**
Adapt existing agricultural testing protocols and performance measures
- 2**
Establish an interagency cooperative team to maintain protocols and provide technical assistance
- 3**
Perform regulatory updates to implement the recommended testing protocols



Timeline

Cannabis Science Task Force

Research & Recommendations

- Proficiency testing requirements
- Lab quality standards for heavy metals, potency, and other required testing

Report development

July - Nov: Briefings and review processes

Dec: Report submitted to Legislature

Recommended Regulatory Updates

July 1 2020

July 1 2021

July 1 2022

July 1 2023

July 1 2024

- Form interagency cooperative team (LCB, DOH, WSDA)
- Amend rules to adopt recommended lab quality standards (LCB, DOH)
- Amend rules to remove accreditation requirements (LCB)

- Amend rules to incorporate cannabis accreditation requirements (ECY)

Accreditation transfers to Ecology 

Timeline Concerns



Content
Additional Task Force
Workgroup



Implementation
Rule Amendment
Coordination

What is the Task Force working on now?



Lab Quality Standards

- Potency
- Heavy Metals



Proficiency Testing

- Licensing
- Cannabis product tracking
- Availability of proficiency tests