

By Representative Caldier

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By Committee on Appropriations

1 On page 13, line 24, after "43.330.540;" strike "and"

2 On page 13, line 34, after "assistance" insert "i

3 (k) \$150,000 for fiscal year 2023 to the board to conduct a
4 study, in consultation with the department of commerce, to determine
5 if the statewide limit of retail outlets on the effective date of
6 this section is sufficient to meet the consumption rate and
7 population of the state as well as the legislature's social equity
8 goals"

9 On page 18, after line 40, insert the following:

10 "**Sec. 7.** RCW 69.50.354 and 2015 c 70 s 9 are each amended to
11 read as follows:

12 ~~((There))~~ (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this
13 section, there may be licensed, in no greater number in each of the
14 counties of the state than as the ~~((state liquor and cannabis))~~ board
15 shall deem advisable, retail outlets established for the purpose of
16 making marijuana concentrates, useable marijuana, and marijuana-
17 infused products available for sale to adults aged twenty-one and
18 over. Retail sale of marijuana concentrates, useable marijuana, and
19 marijuana-infused products in accordance with the provisions of this
20 chapter and the rules adopted to implement and enforce it, by a
21 validly licensed marijuana retailer or retail outlet employee, shall
22 not be a criminal or civil offense under Washington state law.

23 (2) If the board determines that an increase in the number of
24 retail outlet licenses in existence on January 1, 2020, is necessary,
25 the board must submit its recommendation to the legislature for
26 approval by the legislature."

27 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively, correct any
28 internal references accordingly, and correct the title.

EFFECT: Adds a direction for a \$150,000 appropriation from the Dedicated Marijuana Account for Fiscal Year 2023 to the Liquor and Cannabis Board (LCB) to conduct a study, in consultation with the Department of Commerce, to determine if the statewide limit on retail cannabis outlets is sufficient to meet the consumption rate and population of the state as well as the Legislature's social equity goals. Requires the LCB to submit its recommendation for approval by the Legislature if the LCB determines that an increase in the number of retail outlets in existence on January 1, 2020, is necessary.

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