

By Representative MacEwen

E2SSB 5796 - H COMM AMD

By Committee on Appropriations

1 On page 8, line 25, after "database;" strike "and"

2 On page 8, line 28, after "marijuana" insert "; and

3 (1) \$150,000 for fiscal year 2023 to the board to conduct a study
4 to determine if the statewide limit of cannabis retail outlets on the
5 effective date of this section is sufficient to meet the consumption
6 rate and population of the state as well as the legislature's social
7 equity goals"

8 On page 10, after line 17, insert the following:

9 "**Sec. 3.** RCW 69.50.354 and 2015 c 70 s 9 are each amended to
10 read as follows:

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

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

26 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Directs an appropriation of \$150,000 for Fiscal Year 2023 from the Dedicated Marijuana Account to the Liquor and Cannabis Board (LCB) to conduct a study to determine if the statewide limit of cannabis retail outlets on the effective date of the bill is

sufficient to meet the consumption rate and population of the state as well as the Legislature's social equity goals. Specifies that if the LCB determines that an increase in the number of cannabis retail outlet licenses in existence on January 1, 2020, is necessary, the LCB must submit its recommendation to the Legislature for approval.

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