

# HOUSE BACKGROUND SUMMARY

## SHB 1453

**As Passed House:**  
February 9, 2024

**Title:** An act relating to providing a tax exemption for medical cannabis patients.

**Brief Description:** Providing a tax exemption for medical cannabis patients.

**Sponsors:** House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Wylie, Chapman and Kloba).

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:**

Regulated Substances & Gaming: 1/24/23, 2/2/23 [DP];  
Finance: 2/20/23, 2/21/23 [DPS].

**Floor Activity:**

Passed House: 2/9/24, 85-12.

**Voting Yea:** Representatives Abbarno, Alvarado, Barkis, Bateman, Berg, Bergquist, Berry, Bronoske, Callan, Chambers, Chapman, Cheney, Connors, Corry, Cortes, Couture, Doglio, Donaghy, Duerr, Entenman, Eslick, Farivar, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Fosse, Goehner, Goodman, Gregerson, Griffey, Hackney, Harris, Jacobsen, Klicker, Kloba, Kretz, Leavitt, Lekanoff, Low, Macri, Maycumber, McClintock, McEntire, Mena, Morgan, Nance, Orcutt, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Orwall, Paul, Peterson, Pollet, Ramel, Ramos, Reed, Reeves, Riccelli, Robertson, Rude, Rule, Ryu, Sandlin, Santos, Schmick, Schmidt, Shavers, Simmons, Slatter, Springer, Stearns, Steele, Stokesbary, Stonier, Street, Taylor, Thai, Tharinger, Timmons, Walen, Walsh, Waters, Wilcox, Wylie, Ybarra and Jinkins

**Voting Nay:** Representatives Barnard, Caldier, Chopp, Christian, Davis, Dent, Dye, Graham, Hutchins, Mosbrucker, Senn and Volz

**Absent:**

**Excused:** Representative Chandler

**Persons Testifying (Regulated Substances & Gaming):** Representative Sharon Wylie,

prime sponsor; Michael Schermerhorn; Burl Bryson and Donald Guzman, The Cannabis Alliance; Matthew Friedlander, Skagit Organics; Steven Field; Justin Nordhorn, Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board; Ezra Eickmeyer, Producers Northwest; Dawn Darington; Jay Jones; Micah Sherman, Washington Sun and Craft Growers Association; Lukas Hunter, Harmony Farms; and Jim MacRae.

**Persons Testifying (Finance):** Representative Sharon Wylie, prime sponsor; Lara Kaminsky, The Cannabis Alliance; Hana Keefe-Guerrero; Ezra Eickmeyer, Producers North West; Steven Field; and Gwen Bartol, Holistic Evaluations.

**Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying (Regulated Substances & Gaming):** None.

**Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying (Finance):** None.