

SB 6271 - H COMM AMD  
By Committee on Finance

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) Beginning July 1, 2024, the  
4 Washington state liquor and cannabis board must collect one year's  
5 data on the following information on cannabis products sold within  
6 Washington state:

7 (a) The amount of products being sold in the following  
8 categories: Usable cannabis, cannabis concentrates, and cannabis-  
9 infused products;

10 (b) The average THC concentration in useable cannabis and  
11 cannabis concentrates, and the average milligrams of THC per unit in  
12 cannabis-infused products; and

13 (c) The range of THC concentration in usable cannabis and  
14 cannabis concentrates.

15 (2) By July 31, 2025, the Washington state liquor and cannabis  
16 board must submit a report to the relevant committees of the  
17 legislature and to the department of revenue on the information  
18 collected under subsection (1) of this section.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The department of revenue must  
20 formulate a recommended approach and implementation plan for  
21 modifying the cannabis excise tax under RCW 69.50.535. The department  
22 may recommend alternative approaches and plans for the legislature to  
23 consider.

24 (2) In developing the recommended approach, the department of  
25 revenue must:

26 (a) Consider options that generate additional revenue and options  
27 that are revenue neutral, in comparison to the total amount of  
28 revenue generated by the current cannabis excise tax;

29 (b) Consult with the liquor and cannabis board and the department  
30 of health;

31 (c) Consult with public health professionals; and

1 (d) Consider the relationship between product type, sales volume,  
2 THC concentration, total THC, and price.

3 (3) The recommended approach must propose a higher tax on  
4 products with a higher THC concentration relative to other products  
5 in the same category for each of the following categories: Useable  
6 cannabis, cannabis concentrates, and cannabis-infused products.

7 (4) The department of revenue must submit a report to the  
8 relevant committees of the legislature by December 31, 2025, on their  
9 findings under this section.

10 (5) For the purposes of this section, the following definitions  
11 apply.

12 (a) "Cannabis concentrates" has the meaning provided in RCW  
13 69.50.101.

14 (b) "Cannabis-infused products" has the meaning provided in RCW  
15 69.50.101.

16 (c) "Product" has the meaning provided in RCW 69.50.535.

17 (d) "THC concentration" has the meaning provided in RCW  
18 69.50.101.

19 (e) "Useable cannabis" has the meaning provided in RCW 69.50.101.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act expires July 1, 2026."

21 Correct the title.

EFFECT: • Directs the DOR, rather than the LCB, to formulate a recommended approach and implementation plan for modifying the cannabis excise tax relative to THC concentration.

• Requires the DOR to consult with the LCB, the DOH, and public health professionals.

• Requires the DOR to consider the relationship between product type, sales volume, THC concentration, total THC, and price in developing the recommendations.

• Directs consideration of revenue additions and revenue-neutral options compared to current cannabis tax revenues, rather than be strictly revenue neutral.

• Changes the start date for LCB data collection to July 1, 2024.

• Requires the LCB to report the data to the legislature and to DOR by July 31, 2025.

• Requires the DOR to submit their recommendations to the legislature by December 31, 2025.

• Expires the act July 1, 2026.

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