

HB 1449 - H COMM AMD

By Committee on Consumer Protection & Business

1 On page 3, line 37, after "(b)" strike "It" and insert "Subject
2 to (f) of this subsection, it"

3 On page 4, line 7, after "(i)" strike "It" and insert "Subject to
4 (f) of this subsection, it"

5 On page 4, line 10, after "(ii)" strike "It" and insert "Subject
6 to (f) of this subsection, it"

7 On page 4, after line 22, insert the following:

8 "(f) The first time a law enforcement officer or person with
9 legal authority to enforce this section contacts an individual for a
10 possible violation of Washington law related to producing plants or
11 knowingly possessing cannabis or cannabis products derived from those
12 plants, the person must be provided one warning and shall not be
13 cited, arrested, charged, or penalized for a civil or a criminal
14 offense arising out of the activity for which the one warning is
15 related. After an individual is documented to have received a warning
16 under this subsection (7), the individual may not rely upon this
17 subsection a second time. Law enforcement officers and persons with
18 authority to enforce this section within jurisdictions in which there
19 is no licensed cannabis retailer shall consider at their discretion,
20 the lack of accessible cannabis in the area for legal personal use,
21 and the totality of the circumstances, when deciding to enforce this
22 section or chapter against an individual in such a jurisdiction
23 suspected of producing plants or knowingly possessing cannabis or
24 cannabis products derived from those plants in violation of
25 Washington law."

26 On page 4, after line 34, insert the following:

27 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 43.101
28 RCW to read as follows:

1 (1) Beginning July 1, 2026, all law enforcement personnel
2 required to complete basic law enforcement training under RCW
3 43.101.200 must receive bias training on the war on drugs, including
4 the bias around cannabis and the history of cannabis in the war on
5 drugs and how certain communities were targeted and
6 disproportionately impacted by use of these laws. The training must
7 include information about an individual's right to a warning under
8 RCW 60.50.4013(7)(f).

9 (2) For purposes of this section, "the war on drugs" means the
10 history in the United States including in Washington of civil and
11 criminal enforcement of laws and penalties against personal
12 possession of cannabis and other substances, and against the
13 manufacture and transfer or sale of cannabis and other substances,
14 and the societal impacts of these laws and actions."

15 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively, correct any
16 internal references accordingly, and correct the title.

EFFECT: (1) Specifies that an individual gets one warning related to producing or knowingly possessing cannabis plants or the cannabis and cannabis products derived from those plants outside of the legal authorization.

(2) Directs law enforcement officers and enforcement personnel within jurisdictions in which there is no licensed cannabis retailer to consider at their discretion, the lack of accessible cannabis, and the totality of the circumstances, when deciding to enforce Washington law against an individual suspected of producing or knowingly possessing cannabis in violation of Washington law.

(3) Requires all law enforcement personnel required to complete basic law enforcement training, beginning July 1, 2026, to complete bias training on the war on drugs, including the bias around cannabis and the history of cannabis in the war on drugs, how certain communities were targeted and disproportionately impacted by use of these laws, and about an individual's right to one warning related to producing or knowingly possessing cannabis outside of legal authorization.

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