

JAN 20 2017

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MARIJUANA.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii and twenty-
2 seven other states, the District of Columbia, and the United
3 States territories of Guam and Puerto Rico have legalized the
4 medical use of marijuana under certain conditions. The
5 legislature further finds that the states of Alaska, California,
6 Colorado, Maine, Massachusetts, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington
7 have also approved the legalization of recreational marijuana
8 use by adults under certain conditions. However, all marijuana
9 use remains illegal under federal law except under very limited
10 circumstances.

11 SECTION 2. (a) The legislative reference bureau shall
12 conduct a study on the effects that state legalization of
13 marijuana for recreational use have had on applicable states.

14 (b) The study required under subsection (a) shall include
15 information on the following aspects of state legalization of
16 marijuana for recreational use, to the extent of available data:

17 (1) Advantages and disadvantages of legalization;



- 1 (2) Tax revenues projected and realized as a result of
2 legalization;
- 3 (3) Impacts on state judicial and correctional systems and
4 associated costs; and
- 5 (4) Financial and enforcement impacts on neighboring
6 states that have not legalized the recreational use of
7 marijuana.
- 8 (c) In conducting the study, the legislative reference
9 bureau may consult with any public or private entity that may be
10 of assistance. Any public entity of the State shall assist the
11 legislative reference bureau by providing answers to questions
12 and background information at the request of the bureau, or
13 other assistance deemed relevant to the study.
- 14 (e) If the legislative reference bureau determines that it
15 does not possess the resources or expertise necessary to conduct
16 all aspects of the study, the legislative reference bureau may
17 contract for outside services to assist with the study; provided
18 that the legislative reference bureau shall not be subject to
19 chapter 103D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, in obtaining the outside
20 services.



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1 SECTION 3. No later than December 1, 2018, the legislative
 2 reference bureau shall submit to the legislature a report of its
 3 findings and recommendations regarding the potential
 4 legalization of recreational use of marijuana in the State.

5 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
 6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
 7 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 for the
 8 legislative reference bureau to conduct a study pursuant to this
 9 Act.

10 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the legislative
 11 reference bureau for the purposes of this Act.

12 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
 13 provided that section 4 shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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S.B. NO. 575

Report Title:

Marijuana; Legalization; Study; LRB; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the Legislative Reference Bureau to study various effects that the legalization of marijuana have had on other states. Appropriates funds.

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