

# Implementing Initiative 502

## State Agency Roles and Contacts

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### Purpose

This document provides an overview of how the I-502 Dedicated Marijuana Fund (part IV of I-502) will be invested and state agency responsibilities for developing and implementing the retail system, public health and education programs, and enforcing the law.

### Dedicated Marijuana Fund Distribution

**Tier 1:** Funds collected by the state treasurer through marijuana excise taxes, license fees, penalties, and forfeitures will be disbursed every three months as follows:

- \$1,250,000 to the state Liquor Control Board for administration.
- \$125,000 to the state Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) to design and administer the Healthy Youth Survey, analyze data and produce reports.
- \$50,000 to DSHS to contract with the WA State Institute for Public Policy to conduct a cost-benefit evaluation and produce four reports from September 2015 through September 2032.
- \$5,000 to the University of Washington Alcohol and Drug Abuse Institute (U.W.) to create, maintain and update web-based public education materials with scientifically accurate information about the health and safety risks of marijuana use.

**Tier 2:** After these primary disbursements, the following programs will receive funding:

- 50% to the state's Basic Health Plan.
- 19.07% to the State General Fund.
- 15% to the DSHS Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery to implement and maintain programs and practices aimed at preventing or reducing substance abuse and dependence among middle and high school age students. At least 85% of these funds must be directed to evidence-based programs; 15% of funds may be directed to research-based or emerging best practices or promising practices.
- 10% to the Department of Health to create, implement, operate and manage a marijuana education and public health program.
- 5% to the Health Care Authority to contract with community health centers for primary health and dental care services, migrant health services, and maternity health care services.
- Six-tenths of 1% to the U.W. and four-tenths of 1% to Washington State University for research on the short- and long-term effects of marijuana use.
- .03% to the Building Bridges programs.

### State Agency Roles

#### **Department of Health:**

- **Public Health Help Line:** Develop or secure a marijuana use help line that provides referrals to substance abuse treatment providers, uses evidence-based approaches to minimize harms associated with marijuana use, and does not solely advocate an abstinence-only approach. The Washington Recovery Help Line is currently providing these services.
- **Community Grants:** Develop a community grants program for local health departments or other community agencies that supports coordinated prevention/intervention strategies to reduce youth marijuana use and abuse.

- **Statewide Education Campaign:** Develop a media-based education campaigns to reach youth and adults with scientifically-accurate information about the health and safety risks posed by marijuana use.
- **Policies:** With 2014 state budget proviso funding, contract with Educational Service Districts to assist schools in implementing policies that address tobacco and marijuana use.
- **Enforcement:** DOH enforcement officers have authority to enforce drug laws.
- **DOH Contacts:** Paj Nandi, Community Based Prevention Manager, 360-236-3665, [paj.nandi@doh.wa.gov](mailto:paj.nandi@doh.wa.gov), and Paul Davis, Marijuana Education Program Manager, 360-236-3642, [paul.davis@doh.wa.gov](mailto:paul.davis@doh.wa.gov).
- For more information about DOH prevention programs visit:  
<http://www.doh.wa.gov/AboutUs/ProgramsandServices/PreventionandCommunityHealth/OfficeofHealthyCommunities.aspx>

### Department of Social and Health Services - Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery:

- **Prevention:** Enhance and expand the Community Prevention and Wellness Initiative (CPWI) in the highest need communities in each county. CPWI integrates school and community-based, coalition-driven programs and will enhance resource to Tribal communities. CPWI coalition contacts: [http://theathenaforum.org/cpwi\\_coalitions](http://theathenaforum.org/cpwi_coalitions).
- **Treatment:** Train providers to implement evidence-based practices, brief intervention and referral to treatment and recovery support services.
- **Healthy Youth Survey:** Administer the survey at least every two years to students in 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 10, and 12<sup>th</sup> grades, collect data to identify health attitudes and behaviors, including drug and alcohol use, and produce reports.
- **Research:** Contract with Washington State Institute for Public Policy (WSIPP). Key components include public health impacts, costs associated with marijuana use, impacts of investments in research, evaluation, education, prevention, and intervention programs as well as economic impacts.
- **DBHR Contacts:** Sarah Mariani, Behavioral Health Administrator, [Sarah.Mariani@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:Sarah.Mariani@dshs.wa.gov), 360-725-3774 or Scott McCarty, Prevention Systems Grant Manager, [Scott.McCarty@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:Scott.McCarty@dshs.wa.gov) or 360-725-1497.
- For more information about state prevention resources and programs visit <http://www.dshs.wa.gov/dbhr/dapreventionservices.shtml>.

### Liquor Control Board:

- Develop, regulate and control the retail marijuana market.
- Implement and enforce licenses and rules for producers, processors, and retailers.
- Collect excise taxes, licensing and business fees, and authorize disbursements.
- **Contact:** Mary Segawa, [Mary.Segawa@liq.wa.gov](mailto:Mary.Segawa@liq.wa.gov), or 360-664-1771.
- For more information on rule making and licensing visit [www.liq.wa.gov](http://www.liq.wa.gov).

