
Regulated Substances & Gaming Committee

HB 2182

Brief Description: Creating a data dashboard to track use of regulated substances.

Sponsors: Representatives Reeves, Cheney, Leavitt, Reed, Callan and Sandlin.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Requires the Liquor and Cannabis Board (LCB) to annually publish on its website certain information related to compliance rates, citations issued, information reported to the LCB by other agencies, and the amount of taxes and penalties collected.

Hearing Date: 1/16/24

Staff: Matt Sterling (786-7289).

Background:

The Liquor and Cannabis Board (LCB) publishes an annual report on its website that generally includes information related to taxes and fees collected and compliance rates and citations related to the sale or possession of liquor, cannabis, cigarettes, tobacco products, and vapor products.

The Healthy Youth Survey is a biennial survey administered to 6th through 12th grade students in Washington that measures health risk behaviors including alcohol, cannabis, tobacco, and other drug use that contribute to illness, death, and social problems. The LCB supports the Health Care Authority - Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery, the Department of Health, and the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction in the development of the Healthy Youth Survey.

This analysis was prepared by non-partisan legislative staff for the use of legislative members in their deliberations. This analysis is not part of the legislation nor does it constitute a statement of legislative intent.

Summary of Bill:

The LCB, in consultation with the Department of Health (DOH), the Health Care Authority (HCA), and other necessary agencies would be required to publish in a conspicuous location on the LCB's website and annually update certain information related to compliance rates, citations issued, information reported to the LCB by other agencies, and the amount of taxes and penalties collected.

The information published on the LCB's website must include:

- compliance rates regarding the LCB's enforcement of laws or rules prohibiting the sale of liquor, cannabis, cigarettes, tobacco products, and vapor products to persons under 21 years of age;
- the number of citations issued annually for violations related to the:
 - sale of liquor, cannabis, cigarettes, tobacco products, or vapor products to persons under 21 years of age;
 - sale, service, delivery, purchase, or consumption of liquor to an intoxicated person or a person who is apparently under the influence of liquor;
- data from the Healthy Youth Survey about youth use, access, and perceptions of liquor, cannabis, cigarettes, tobacco products, and vapor products in Washington;
- information reported to the LCB from the DOH or the HCA about the:
 - prevalence in Washington of the use of alcohol, cannabis, cigarettes, tobacco products, and vapor products;
 - amount and source of funding appropriated or available per fiscal year to the DOH and the HCA for programs for preventing and deterring the use of liquor, cannabis, cigarettes, tobacco products, and vapor products; and treating substance use disorders related to these regulated substances;
 - annual state Medicaid expenditures and total health care expenditures in the state caused by liquor, cannabis, cigarettes, tobacco products, and vapor products;
 - cessation expenditures for cigarettes or tobacco products through the school employees' benefits board and the public employees' benefits board;
 - annual deaths in Washington caused by smoking or consuming cigarettes, tobacco products, alcohol, vapor products, or cannabis;
 - state spending on tobacco prevention and cessation funding as compared to funding levels recommended by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;
 - health equity metrics including disparities in the rates of diseases or disorders caused by or associated with the consumption or use of alcohol, cannabis, cigarettes, tobacco products, and vapor products; and
 - demographic impact metrics including disparities in the rates of consumption or use of alcohol, cannabis, cigarettes, tobacco products, and vapor products; and
- the amount of the following taxes, fees, and penalties collected by the state in the most recent fiscal year:
 - taxes collected from the sale of liquor, cannabis, cigarettes, tobacco products, and vapor products;
 - license fees collected related to the manufacture, distribution, and sale of liquor,

- cannabis, cigarettes, tobacco products, and vapor products; and
- money received from penalties imposed by the LCB on licensees for violations related to the manufacture, distribution, or sale of liquor, cannabis, cigarettes, tobacco products, or vapor products.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on January 15, 2024.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.