

Liquor and Cannabis Board  
Prevention and Public Health Roundtable Notes  
October 21, 2024  
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

*68 participants attended.*

#### **Update from partner on the listening sessions**

- Partners shared about their experiences, key takeaways, and other insights from these listening sessions (High-THC, alcohol product placement, cannabis signage, and dashboards). Additional follow ups from participants:
  - Cannabis signage: Staying with the state, LCB not proposing bill this session.
  - Jackie shared a resource for an Alcohol Product Placement lock up program
  - Partners spoke up about the value of the hybrid high-THC calls

#### **Alcohol product placement update**

- Justin updated about the internal LCB meeting discussing alcohol product placement at the end of September.
- Alcohol theft statute, currently confining.
- Two areas: Mini-bottles; cross-over products.
- Agenda for upcoming rulemaking, not set on timeline yet. Aiming for before session begins.
  - Where should they be placed in the store? What would it look like? Balancing with small business economic impact statements. Removing impulse areas, restricting location of cross-over products.
  - We have rulemaking authority, once our two existing projects across finish line, we'll bring this in.

#### **LCB legislation update and proposed agency-request legislation**

- The budget is even more of a focal point this session than other years.
- Starting with a deficit, huge turnovers last and next sessions, governor switch over.
- LCB proposed agency-request legislation (pending Governor approval)
  1. First, we have a bill to allow the Department of Health to share data with us to implement the medical cannabis excise tax exemption bill that passed in 2024. We need to determine that transactions using the exemption actually qualify for them, and that stores aren't giving out discounts for non-qualifying products or patients. It's in everyone's – the patients, the state's – interest that the exemption be granted narrowly (as the bill states) in order for the incentives in the bill to work.

2. Second, we have a bill on MAST (Mandatory Alcohol Server Training) permits and some regulatory clean-up. Current law is confusing over when these permits are required for servers, so our bill brings some clarity. It states that if you are serving alcohol to someone in an on-premise location (the customer is in your building), you need a permit, period. This replaces a confusing and at times contradictory list of license types. It also removes a permit type rendered moot by liquor privatization, and an old license type that no one currently holds.
- Washington Traffic Safety Commission is proposing the .05 per se limit bill again this session.

### **Presentation from Research Program**

Drs. Sarah Okey, Tyler Watson, and Nick Glodosky gave an overview of the new program's structure, vision, and current work products.