

Fiscal Estimate - 2023 Session

Original Updated Corrected Supplemental

LRB Number 23-4468/1	Introduction Number AB-0506	
Description legalizing the possession of marijuana; medical marijuana; regulating the production, processing, and sale of marijuana; expunging or redesignating past convictions for marijuana-related crimes; equity grants; making an appropriation; and providing a penalty		
Fiscal Effect		
State: <input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs		
Local: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue 5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts		
Fund Sources Affected Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS 20.435 (1)(a) and 20.435 (1)(s)		
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under this proposal, persons at least 21 years of age may possess marijuana for recreational purposes. The proposal includes an excise tax for the production and distribution of marijuana and directs a portion of those funds to a community reinvestment fund. The proposal also includes fines and criminal penalties for individuals who possess more than five ounces of marijuana. For those wishing to sell, the proposal requires permits from the Department of Revenue and the Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection. Both departments have associated penalties and fines for failing to follow rules for the sale of marijuana.

Current law also requires DHS to promulgate rules to develop and implement a drug screening, testing, and treatment policy for able-bodied adults without dependents in the FoodShare employment and training (FSET) program. The bill exempts marijuana from the FSET drug-testing requirements and program.

The proposal creates a new appropriation under s. 20.435(1)(s) to fund Health Equity grants. The proposal directs the Department to award grants to 1) award grants to community organizations and local or tribal health departments to hire health equity strategists and to implement health equity action plans in small geographic areas, and 2) to award grants to community organizations to implement community health worker care models.

The Department would require two new GPR FTE to manage the program, a Grants Specialist - Advanced and a Human Services Program Coordinator – Sen. at a cost of \$179,200 GPR annually. The Grants Specialist would be responsible for the coordination of the health equity grants created by the proposal. This position would be responsible for managing and monitoring fiscal components of the program, overseeing the grant application process, developing expenditure plans, overseeing the reporting and documentation of grantee expenditures, and providing expenditure and budget guidance to grantees. The Human Services Program Coordinator would be responsible for implementing the community health worker care models. Their duties would include program coordination, providing training and technical assistance to grantees, and providing guidance and recommendation to grantees on evidence-based practices relating to community health worker care models.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications