

Subject Cannabis task force

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Overview

This bill establishes a cannabis task force to develop a comprehensive plan with recommendations on issues related to the legalization, taxation, and regulation of the production, sale, and use of cannabis by persons age 21 or older.

Summary

Section	Description
1	<p>Cannabis task force.</p> <p>Adds § 152.38. Establishes a cannabis task force, establishes duties for the task force, and requires a comprehensive plan to be submitted to certain members of certain legislative committees and divisions by January 1, 2020.</p> <p>Subd. 1. Establishment. Establishes a cannabis task force to advise the legislature on the legalization, taxation, and regulation of the production, sale, and use of cannabis.</p> <p>Subd. 2. Membership. Lists membership on the task force, and specifies that members shall serve without compensation.</p> <p>Subd. 3. Organization. Directs the commissioner of health to convene the task force's first meeting, and directs the task force to elect a chair and other officers as necessary. Directs the task force to meet monthly or as determined by the chair.</p> <p>Subd. 4. Staff. Directs the commissioner of health to provide staff, office space, and administrative services for the task force.</p> <p>Subd. 5. Duties. Directs the task force to identify and study potential effects of cannabis legalization, consult with experts and officials in other states where cannabis has been legalized, and develop a comprehensive plan covering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• statutory changes needed to legalize cannabis;

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- taxation of cannabis sales and appropriate dedicated uses for revenue raised;
- state and local regulation of cannabis cultivation, processing, transporting, packaging, labeling, sale, possession, and use;
- federal law, policy, and regulation of cannabis;
- public education of scientific knowledge of the effects of cannabis;
- treatment services for people with substance use disorder as it relates to cannabis;
- expungement of nonviolent marijuana convictions;
- security of cannabis retail and manufacturing settings, and the safe handling of proceeds from cannabis sales;
- policies that promote access to the legal cannabis market for people in communities disproportionately impacted by the ban on cannabis;
- statutory and policy changes to discourage motor vehicle use while under the influence of cannabis; and
- recommendations for other steps related to cannabis legalization.

Subd. 6. Report. Requires the task force to submit the comprehensive plan developed under subdivision 5 to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health, human services, revenue, public safety, labor and industry, and agriculture, by January 1, 2020.

Subd. 7. Expiration. Makes this section expire no later than February 1, 2020, or the date the report is submitted under subdivision 6.

2 **Appropriation.**

Appropriates \$100,000 in fiscal year 2020 from the general fund to the commissioner of health for the Cannabis Task Force.



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