
HOUSE BILL 2124

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1 AN ACT Relating to prohibiting the use of public resources to
2 assist the federal government in any activity that might impede or
3 interfere with revenue to the operating budget pursuant to Washington
4 state's regulation of marijuana and marijuana-related products as
5 prescribed by the laws of the state of Washington; adding a new
6 section to chapter 41.04 RCW; creating a new section; prescribing
7 penalties; and declaring an emergency.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the revenue to
10 the state general fund pursuant to Washington state's regulation of
11 marijuana and marijuana-related products is an important and
12 sustaining resource for state moneys appropriated for the essential
13 governmental functions of providing health care, behavioral health
14 services, education, and other human services. These revenues
15 generated under the state's critical oversight are also an important
16 part of Washington's economic infrastructure and future economic
17 well-being, and they must be preserved.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 41.04
19 RCW to read as follows:

1 (1) All public employees in this state are prohibited from
2 assisting or otherwise expending state resources of any kind to
3 knowingly aid or assist the federal government with respect to any
4 activity or inquiry directly or indirectly related to any federal
5 action or effort that results in the loss of revenue through
6 interference with the state's marijuana market as governed by
7 chapters 69.50 and 69.51A RCW or other provisions of state law. This
8 prohibition includes providing aid or assistance, whether directly or
9 indirectly, to any federal official, federal employee, federal
10 contractor, or other person with respect to the federal activities
11 described in this subsection.

12 (2) A public employee who knowingly violates this section may be
13 subject to disciplinary proceedings or termination of public
14 employment in accordance with the laws and regulations governing the
15 personnel practices of his or her public employer and the laws of
16 this state.

17 (3) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this
18 section unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

19 (a) "Public employee" means any employee of the state, local
20 government, special purpose district, or other political subdivision
21 of the state, and includes, but is not limited to, the following
22 categories of publicly employed personnel:

23 (i) All employees engaged in activities related to law
24 enforcement, public safety, and the criminal corrections system;

25 (ii) All employees engaged in activities related to the
26 operation, administration, or management of state or local court
27 systems; and

28 (iii) All employees engaged in activities related to the
29 recording, storage, management, administration, processing,
30 transmission, maintenance, or analysis of information, records, or
31 data of any kind.

32 (b) "State resource" means:

33 (i) Any time or effort expended by a public employee during the
34 hours in which they are expected or required to be engaged in
35 employment-related activities pursuant to the terms and requirements
36 of his or her employment and for which he or she receives valuable
37 compensation; and

38 (ii) The use of facilities or equipment owned or operated by the
39 state, local governments, special purpose districts, or other
40 political subdivisions of this state.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
2 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of
3 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes
4 effect immediately.

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