

State of Washington  
Decision Package

FINAL

Agency: **303 Department of Health**  
Decision Package Code/Title: **9E Dedicated Marijuana Funding Adjustment**  
Budget Period: **2015-17**  
Budget Level: **ML2-Other Fund Adjustments**

**Recommendation Summary Text:**

This package aligns dedicated marijuana account appropriation with the minimum amount that must be appropriated beginning July 1, 2016, per Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill (E2SHB) 2136 “Concerning comprehensive marijuana market reforms to ensure a well-regulated and taxed marijuana market in Washington state.” E2SHB 2136 was enacted after Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill (ESSB) 6052 “Making 2015 fiscal year and 2015-2017 fiscal biennium operating appropriations.”

**Fiscal Detail**

<b>Operating Expenditures</b>	<b><u>FY 2016</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2017</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
315-1 Dedicated Marijuana Account	0	2,250,000	2,250,000
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,250,000</b>	<b>2,250,000</b>

**Package Description:**

This request aligns our dedicated marijuana appropriation with the amount stated E2SHB 2136, since it was enacted after ESSB 6052 (the operating budget). This request of \$2.25 million each year beginning July 1, 2016, is the difference between the proviso amount of dedicated marijuana account funding in the operating budget, and the minimum amount stated in E2SHB 2136.

The following proviso language is from ESSB 6052 (the enacted operating budget bill), Section 219:

(6) \$7,250,000 of the dedicated marijuana account— state appropriation for fiscal year 2016 and \$7,250,000 of the dedicated marijuana account— state appropriation for fiscal year 2017 are provided solely for a marijuana education and public health program and for tobacco prevention activities that target youth and populations with a high incidence of tobacco use.

(7) \$250,000 of the dedicated marijuana account— state appropriation for fiscal year 2016 and \$250,000 of the dedicated marijuana account— state appropriation for fiscal year 2017 are provided solely for a contract with the Washington poison center to help maintain national accreditation standards.

Below is language from E2SHB 2136, Section 206 sub section 2:

(b) (i) Up to ten percent to the department of health for the following, subject to (b)(ii) of this subsection (2):

(A) Creation, implementation, operation, and management of a marijuana education and public health program that contains the following:

(I) A marijuana use public health hotline that provides referrals to substance abuse treatment providers, utilizes evidence-based or research-based public

health approaches to minimizing the harms associated with marijuana use, and does not solely advocate an abstinence-only approach;

(II) A grants program for local health departments or other local community agencies that supports development and implementation of coordinated intervention strategies for the prevention and reduction of marijuana use by youth; and

(III) Media-based education campaigns across television, internet, radio, print, and out-of-home advertising, separately targeting youth and adults, that provide medically and scientifically accurate information about the health and safety risk posed by marijuana use; and

(B) The Washington poison control center

(ii) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and each subsequent fiscal year, the legislature must appropriate a minimum of nine million seven hundred fifty thousand dollars under this subsection (2)(b);

### **Narrative Justification and Impact Statement:**

#### ***What specific performance outcomes does the agency expect?***

Development and implementation of coordinated intervention strategies for the prevention and reduction of marijuana use by youth; and Media-based education campaigns across television, internet, radio, print, and out-of-home advertising, separately targeting youth and adults, that provide medically and scientifically accurate information about the health and safety risk posed by marijuana use.

### **Performance Measure Detail**

#### **Activity: A002 - Chronic Disease Prevention**

#### ***Is this DP essential to implement a strategy identified in the agency's strategic plan?***

Goal 2: Prevent illness and injury and promote ongoing wellness across the lifespan of everyone in Washington

#### ***Does this DP provide essential support to one or more of the Governor's Results Washington priorities?***

The following sections of the Governor's Results Washington are affected by this request:  
Goal 4: Healthy and Safe Communities

#### ***What are the other important connections or impacts related to this proposal?***

N/A

#### ***What alternatives were explored by the agency and why was this alternative chosen?***

N/A

#### ***What are the consequences of not funding this package?***

The state will be out of compliance with RCW 69.50.540.

*What is the relationship, if any, to the state capital budget?*

N/A

*What changes would be required to existing statutes, rules, or contracts, in order to implement the change?*

N/A

**Expenditure and revenue calculations and assumptions:**

**Revenue:**

None

**Expenditures:**

Expenditures will align with the purposes set forth in E2SHB 2136. The department assumes the legislature will determine how the funding will be split and spent based on proviso language.

*Which costs and functions are one-time? Which are ongoing? What are the budget impacts in future biennia?*

All costs are on-going

<b><u>Object Detail</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2016</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2017</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
C Personal Service Contracts	0	2,250,000	2,250,000
<b>Total Objects</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,250,000</b>	<b>2,250,000</b>