

Key Elements for Marijuana Legalization Scorecard

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KEY ELEMENT	NECESSARY AUTHORITIES, RESOURCES, REQUIREMENTS	GRADE/SCORE (A-F) / 0 (ABSENT) – 5 (SUFFICIENT)*					
Traffic Safety							
Funding	• Provide law enforcement with sufficient resources to address additional impaired drivers.	0	1	2	3	4	5
Staffing	• Address law enforcement staffing shortage.	0	1	2	3	4	5
Impairment	• Enable “fitness to drive” and physical impairment assessments.	0	1	2	3	4	5
Education	• Fund education campaigns, similar to alcohol, to raise awareness of risks and consequences.	0	1	2	3	4	5
Public Safety							
Regulation	• Establish law enforcement role in regulated industry (see Regulated Industry).	0	1	2	3	4	5
Criminal Networks	• Provide additional funding and authority to law enforcement agencies charged with combatting organized and interstate criminal activity (See staffing shortage).	0	1	2	3	4	5
Safety and Justice vs. Criminality	• Separate impairment and the associated safety risk from determining criminality. • Address social justice and decriminalization separately from commercialization.	0	1	2	3	4	5
Regulated Industry							
Regulation	• Authorize and fund significant inspection, enforcement and regulatory capacity.	0	1	2	3	4	5
Limitations	• Establish clear and reasonable age limitations on purchase, possession and use.	0	1	2	3	4	5
Packaging	• Establish packaging and labeling requirements to prevent consumer confusion and/or deliberate marketing to underage or unaware consumers.	0	1	2	3	4	5
Social & Community Impacts							
Support	• Fund expanded addiction, substance abuse and other programs.	0	1	2	3	4	5
Local Controls	• Expressly allow local ordinances prohibiting marijuana sales in a jurisdiction.	0	1	2	3	4	5
Education	• Add marijuana education to all existing drug awareness efforts in the K-12 system.	0	1	2	3	4	5
Workplace Safety							
Employer Rights	• Explicitly allow employers to set a zero-tolerance policy for safety sensitive positions. • Address potential employer liabilities tied to complying with state and federal policies.	0	1	2	3	4	5
Impairment	• Enable “fitness to work” assessment systems.	0	1	2	3	4	5
Support	• Extend community addiction, substance abuse and other support programs into the workplace and/or provide incentives for employers to do so.	0	1	2	3	4	5
Public Investment							
Public Spending	• Determine necessary public dollar investments needed to cover the key elements.	0	1	2	3	4	5
Implications	• Assess impact on black market of taxation/fee rate necessary to cover public costs.	0	1	2	3	4	5