

## **Based on Lessons Learned from Other States and Published Scientific Research, What Are the Likely Effects of Commercializing Cannabis?**

### **Users of cannabis, particularly users of high potency THC, will increase their likelihood of ....**

Developing a cannabis use disorder <sup>1-8</sup>

Progression to use other drugs <sup>9</sup>

Suffering from severe and persistent mental disorder <sup>1, 2, 10-14</sup>

Damaging brain development during adolescence <sup>1, 2, 14-18</sup>

Deficits in learning, memory and IQ <sup>2, 9, 16-21</sup>

Poorer functional well-being, including derailment by youth of transition to adulthood <sup>9, 13, 19, 21-22</sup>

### **State-wide, we will likely see...**

Higher prevalence rates of cannabis use by youth and adults <sup>4-8</sup>

Greater strain on mental health and related social services <sup>1, 2, 10-14</sup>

Greater proportion of motor vehicle accidents linked to cannabis intoxication <sup>23-26</sup>

Increase in emergency room visits because of acute overdose reactions <sup>26-27</sup>

Less safe workplace <sup>26</sup>

### **State-wide, we will likely NOT see...**

Lower opioid abuse rates <sup>26, 28-29</sup>

Enough tax revenue to cover attendant social and health costs <sup>26</sup>

Reduction in crime <sup>26</sup>

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