

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><b>Cannabis task force.</b></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><b>Subd. 1. Establishment.</b> 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><b>Subd. 2. Membership.</b> Lists membership on the task force, and specifies that members shall serve without compensation.</p> <p><b>Subd. 3. Organization.</b> Directs the governor or governor's designee 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><b>Subd. 4. Staff.</b> Directs the commissioner of health to provide staff, office space, and administrative services for the task force.</p> <p><b>Subd. 5. Duties.</b> 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"><li>• statutory changes needed to legalize cannabis;</li></ul>

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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;
- 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 January 1, 2020, or the date the report is submitted under subdivision 6.

2 **Appropriation.**

Appropriates \$50,000 in fiscal year 2020 from the general fund to the Office of the Governor for the Cannabis Task Force.



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