Cannabis Science Task Force

Introduction to HB 2052, Task Force Mandate

August 21, 2019
House Bill 2052

Transfers the authority to Ecology to set accreditation requirements beginning July 2024
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First Cannabis Science Task Force Meeting

7/1/2019

Pesticides

7/1/2020

Recommend lab quality standards

7/1/2021

Heavy metals Potency

7/1/2022

Policy and rule changes

7/1/2023

Ecology provides accreditation

7/1/2024
HB 2052: Cannabis Science Task Force

Mandated
- Chair: Ecology
- Appointed: Depts. of Health and Agriculture, and Liquor and Cannabis Board

Select
- Tribal, state and local governments
- Cannabis industry scientists

Workgroups
- Proficiency testing (Ecology lead)
- Lab quality standards (Dept. of Ag. lead)

Hold first meeting by Sept. 1, 2019
Two reports to the legislature:

July 1, 2020 - Lab quality standards for pesticides in plants

Dec. 1, 2021 – Additional lab quality standards including, but not limited to, heavy metals and potency
Each report to the legislature must include recommendations relating to:

1. Appropriate approved testing methods
2. Method validation protocols
3. Method performance criteria
4. Sampling and homogenization protocols
5. Proficiency testing
6. Regulatory updates related to these items
Steps Taken

• Appointed members from state agencies

• Survey solicitation for cannabis industry representatives

• Selection of members to the Steering Committee and 2 Workgroups
CSTF Structure

Cannabis Science Task Force

- **Steering Committee**
  - Votes on items brought forward by workgroups
  - Develops report to the Legislature

- **Ecology Lead**
  - Defines lab quality standards
  - Reports to Steering Committee

- **Proficiency Testing Workgroup**
  - Defines proficiency testing program
  - Reports to Steering Committee

- **Agriculture Lead**
  - Defines lab quality standards
  - Reports to Steering Committee

- **Analytical Testing Workgroup**
**CSTF Steering Committee**

- Diverse membership (state agency, commercial laboratory, tribal interests)
- Vote on items brought forward by the work groups, cannot be work group members.
- Active in cannabis community
- Pesticide knowledge and experience (especially AOAC, USDA, FDA methods)
- Balance between policy and technical expertise
- Serve for the full term of the Task Force
- Vote in new work group members after initial appointments
CSTF Analytical Workgroup

• Lead by Department of Agriculture (lead presents to steering committee)
• Technical workgroup composed primarily of chemists with pesticide expertise (especially AOAC, USDA, FDA methods)
• Membership could change as technical needs change
• Present items to steering committee
• Members cannot be voting members on the steering committee
CSTF Proficiency Testing Workgroup

- Lead by Department of Ecology (lead presents to steering committee)
- Technical workgroup with a variety of laboratory expertise
- Membership could change as technical needs change
- Presents items to steering committee
- Members cannot be voting members on the steering committee