



Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board

Bill Description: Allowing the sale of cannabis waste

Bill Number: SSB 5376

Sponsor: Sen. Derek Stanford

Effective Date: 6/6/2024

Amends: Creates a new section to chapter 69.50 RCW

Background

State law governs how licensed cannabis producers and processors dispose of cannabis waste. Cannabis waste that is not designated as “dangerous” under the Hazardous Waste Management Act (such as stems, trim, and plant material) must be made unusable by mixing and grinding it with approved materials like soil or kitty litter. Then, it must be sent to a permitted waste facility. If the material is dangerous (for example, waste solvents used to create an extract), it must be sent to an approved dangerous waste management site. It cannot be sold or given away.

Summary

SSB 5376 authorizes cannabis producers and processors to sell cannabis waste that is not designated as dangerous or hazardous. They must first notify the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board (LCB) and the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) of the quantity, price, and name of the buyer. They must all make sales records of the waste available to the public. The LCB is authorized to write rules to govern this new process.

If the waste is not sold under this new provision, the pre-existing requirements remain and the waste must be rendered unusable, mixed with non-cannabis material, and sent to a waste facility.