Cannabis Potency Tax Work Group

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| **Overall Goal (from HB 1109)**  *Determine the feasibility of and make recommendations for varying the cannabis excise tax rate based on product potency rather than sale price. There are two parts:* | |
| **Part 1:** Engage an independent consultant to examine the ***feasibility of changing Washington’s current cannabis excise tax structure*** to one based on potency rather than sale price.  **Intended Outcome:** A report to be shared with the Work Group before a final report is prepared by LCB for the legislature. | **Part 2:** Convene a Cannabis Potency Tax Work Group of stakeholders with varying points of view to explore the ***potential impacts on stakeholders*** of changing the cannabis excise tax rate to potency-based rather than based on sale price.  **Intended Outcome**: Respectful discussion, and a summary of:   * Implications, * benefits, and * disadvantages   that could result from this change. |
| **Final Deliverable:**  A report due December 1, 2019, including findings and any recommendations for varying the cannabis excise tax rate based on product potency rather than sale price.. | |

**Today’s Meeting Intentions:**

1. Clarify the context, Overall Goal, Outcomes and Deliverable of the project.
2. Clarify the roles of the work group members, LCB and the facilitator;
3. Agree on meeting dates, protocols, participant expectations;
4. Brainstorm advantages and disadvantages of changing the cannabis tax rate to potency-based rather than based on sale price.
5. Discuss next steps.