Suggested Plan for Three Meeting Structure – rev 08/15/19

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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 on potency rather than sale price.**Intended Outcome**: Respectful discussion, and a summary of:* implications
* benefits, and
* disadvantages

that could result from this change.  |
| **Final Deliverable:**A report prepared by LCB for the legislature, due December 1, 2019, including findings and recommendations for varying the cannabis excise tax rate based on product potency rather than sale price... |

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| **First Meeting – August 22, 2019**Context setting – Why we are hereOverview of the “now” and the “what if”Learn whose voices are hereAgree on group protocols, rolesConsider (broad view):* What are possible ***advantages*** of this change?
* What are possible ***disadvantages/ problems*** with this change?
 | **Second Meeting – September 19, 2019?**Hear from each Work Group member about impact to their particular stakeholder group, and the system/industry/state (see sample table below) | **Third Meeting – October 24, 2019?**Review Consultant’s report of feasibility of this tax changeCollect additional comments; offer suggested findings, recommendations for consideration in the final reportExplain next steps, how they will hear about what happens |