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**Marijuana Alert - Feb. 24, 2021** 



# Marijuana bills to be heard in House Executive Committee March 3 HB 144 - Local Cannabis Licensing Act

Allows the licensing of marijuana clubs, tours, and temporary events where people can sell, smoke or consume "recreational" marijuana. Cannabis clubs are **bars**, **restaurants**, or other businesses (dispensaries, cultivation, or craft grow operations) that allow "communal consumption of cannabis or cannabis-infused products on premises".

Municipalities that failed to opt out of marijuana dispensaries and businesses could have cannabis clubs open at existing bars and restaurants. After people consume "recreational" marijuana in these clubs, they would drive home, impacting public safety.

### HB 193 - Home Delivery of "Recreational" Marijuana

Dispensaries could deliver "recreational" marijuana and marijuana-infused products to homes or other locations. Delivering marijuana-infused products to homes could increase emergency room visits if children eat the gummies, cookies, candy, soda, gum, etc. that are infused with marijuana.

There are safety issues for drivers - delivering a controlled substance in exchange for cash could lead to armed robberies. Profit and convenience should not override public health and safety concerns.

## Safer Consumption Service - House Human Services Comm. March 2

HB 110 would allow the Department of Public Health to approve any hospital, medical clinic/office, health center, nursing care facility, mental health facility, and community-based organization that provides harm reduction, to operate as a site where drug addicts can "consume their pre-obtained drugs" such as heroin, meth, cocaine,

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marijuana, and opioids. These programs are not effective in stopping drug use or abuse. People die if they continue to their drug use.

Seattle public funds purchase heroin pipes for homeless READ

IL job applicants fail drug testing - "recreational" marijuana

"My recruiters are stretched pretty thin right now as it is, so we're trying to help as many companies as we can," said Giebel. He said 40% of recent applicants at his agency failed their drug tests, creating major staffing concerns, especially for manufacturing companies. Read more

## Elmhurst Mayoral candidate positions on Marijuana

In 2019, the City Council voted unanimously to ban recreational marijuana businesses in Elmhurst. That consensus included all three mayoral candidates in the April 6 election - Michael Bram, Scott Levin and Mark Mulliner. . Read

### For Immediate Action

- 1. File a <u>Witness Slip to Oppose HB 144</u>,

  <u>File a Witness Slip to Oppose HB 193</u>

  <u>File a Witness Slip to Oppose HB 110</u> Fill out your name and address; for Representing, type SELF; Position OPPONENT; Testimony RECORD OF APPEARANCE ONLY; check box agreeing to terms.
- 2. Contact your State <u>Representative</u> to ask him/her to OPPOSE and vote NO on HB 110, HB 144, and HB 193.
- 3. Share this Alert with your faith community and ask them to PRAY.
- 4. Forward to 10 others.

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