



Marijuana – Follow-up Legislation in States that Legalized Personal Use: Bill Status Update

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U.S. 2015 HR 1855	“Small Business Tax Equity Act of 2015.” Amends the Internal Revenue Code to exempt a trade or business that conducts marijuana sales in compliance with state law from the prohibition against allowing business-related tax credits or deductions for expenditures in connection with trafficking in controlled substances.	4/16/2015 – introduced and referred to Committee on Ways and Means.
U.S. 2015 S 987	Identical to 2015 HR 1855.	4/16/2015 – read twice and referred to Committee on Finance.
Alaska 2015 HB 59	Provides for an orderly implementation of the legalization of marijuana: (1) with provisions related to growth and sale of marijuana and licensing of establishments not later than November 24, 2015; (2) to delay regulations relating to the manufacture, delivery, possession, sale, packaging, or display of marijuana concentrates to not later than November 24, 2016; and (3) during the period of the delay, that activities related to marijuana concentrates remain illegal and may form the basis for revocation of an establishment license or for seizure or forfeiture of assets under state law.	3/11/2015 – report from committee; do pass as substituted (4-1-2 vote); referred to Judiciary Committee.
Alaska 2015 HB 75	Makes various amendments to law allowing the personal use of marijuana, including adding with respect to cultivation that not more than 24 marijuana plants, with 12 or fewer being mature, flowering plants, may be present in a single dwelling regardless of number of persons age 21 or older.	4/19/2015 – returned to Rules Committee.
Alaska 2015 HB 79	Among other things, the legislation prohibits driving with “an open marijuana container in the passenger compartment of [a] vehicle.”	3/6/2015 – Judiciary Committee hearing held.
Alaska 2015 HB 123	Establishes the Marijuana Control Board within the Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development to control the cultivation, manufacture and sale of retail marijuana in the state.	5/4/2015 – enacted (2015 Laws Chapter 4); effective 5/5/2015.

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Alaska 2015 HB 133	An Act relating to the regulation of marijuana, marijuana testing, marijuana products, and marijuana accessories. Addresses the licensing of marijuana retailers, producers, processors, boutique producers, brokers, and home growers. Addresses taxation of marijuana.	3/4/2015 – read first time and referred to Labor and Commerce Committee.
Alaska 2015 SB 26	Appropriates \$2,360,100 from the general fund to the Alaska Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, for the costs associated with the regulation of marijuana for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2015, and June 30, 2016.	6/29/2015 – enacted (2015 Laws Chapter 38); effective 7/1/2015.
Alaska 2015 SB 30	Makes numerous statutory changes to implement Ballot Measure 2. Generally, the bill amends the criminal drug possession laws in AS § 11.71 to make certain conduct related to personal marijuana use no longer crimes by adding a "non-applicability" provision to the criminal statutes, and by categorizing the possession/ manufacture/ delivery of illegal marijuana as different crimes depending on the volume of marijuana involved. Establishes a new controlled substance section which includes marijuana, hashish, hashish oil or hash oil and tetrahydrocannabinols as a schedule VIA. Prohibits operating a motor vehicle while using marijuana and persons over the age of 21 from using marijuana in public.	3/31/2015 – referred to House Judiciary Committee.
Alaska 2015 SB 60	An Act establishing the Marijuana Control Board.	3/10/2015 – hearing scheduled in Labor and Commerce Committee.
Alaska 2015 SB 62	A bill to regulate commercial marijuana, including proposed business license types. Includes provisions about distance from church, school grounds or correctional facility; limits on sales to an individual person; hours for retail shops; and advertising.	4/7/2015 – hearing held in State Affairs Committee.

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Colorado 2015 HB 1007	The bill clarifies that counties and municipalities are authorized, subject to voter approval, to levy, collect, and enforce a sales tax on all sales of retail marijuana and retail marijuana products by retailer, in addition to any sales tax imposed by the state or by the county or municipality as applicable.	5/1/2015 - postponed indefinitely by Senate Committee on State, Veterans & Military Affairs.
Colorado 2015 HB 1090	Creates the County Retail Marijuana Impact Grant Program in the Division of Local Government in the Department of Local Affairs. The purpose is to provide assistance and resources to counties that are experiencing impacts to services or budgets as a result of the cultivation, testing, sale, consumption, and regulation of retail marijuana products in the state.	2/5/2015 - postponed indefinitely by Committee on Local Government.
Colorado 2015 HB 1255	The bill requires the state Department of Human Services (“Department”) and the Department of Revenue to submit reports to specified committees of the general assembly on improper use of electronic benefits transfer cards (“EBT cards”) at certain prohibited locations. The bill requires the Department, by January 1, 2016, to adopt rules enforcing the prohibition against the use of EBT cards at prohibited establishments including increasing penalties for repeated violations. The establishments include those licensed to sell marijuana for medicinal or personal use purposes.	5/1/2015 – enacted (2015 Laws Chp. 149); effective 5/1/2015.
Colorado 2015 HB 1273	The bill adds sexual assaults and the unlawful use of marijuana on school grounds, in a school vehicle, or at a school activity or sanctioned event to the current list of conduct and discipline code violations that a school is required to report as part of the safe school reporting requirements.	6/5/2015 – enacted (2015 Laws Chapter 323); effective 6/5/2015.
Colorado 2015 HB 1278	The bill specifies that using a water right that has been decreed for agricultural irrigation purposes for the cultivation of marijuana at a retail or medical marijuana cultivation facility is not a change of a water right if the use of the water is required for the cultivation of marijuana as contemplated or required by the facility's license.	4/6/2015 – postponed indefinitely by committee.

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Colorado 2015 HB 1283	The bill requires the state Department of Public Health and Environment to develop and maintain a marijuana laboratory testing reference library or contract with an organization that represents marijuana testing laboratories for the development and maintenance of the reference library. The reference library is responsible for proficiency testing and remediating problems with licensed laboratories. This library must contain a catalog of methodologies for marijuana testing in the areas of potency, homogeneity, contaminants, and solvents. The reference library and methodologies must be publicly available by December 31, 2015.	6/5/2015 – enacted (2015 Laws Chapter 307); effective 6/5/2015.
Colorado 2015 HB 1298	The bill requires the state Department of Revenue to promulgate rules that a licensed medical marijuana center and a licensed retail marijuana store must display in a conspicuous location a sign that warns pregnant women about the potential risks caused by marijuana. The bill prohibits a medical marijuana center and a retail marijuana store from knowingly directing marijuana advertising to pregnant women.	4/22/2015 - postponed indefinitely by Senate committee.
Colorado 2015 HB 1367	If necessary, the bill refers a ballot issue to the voters at the November 3, 2015, statewide election to allow the state to retain and spend state revenues that would otherwise be refunded for exceeding an estimate included in the ballot information booklet. If voters approve the ballot measure, then moneys set aside for the potential refund will instead be used as follows: (1) \$40 million is transferred to the public school capital construction assistance fund; (2) \$12 million is appropriated for youth programs, marijuana education and prevention programs, law enforcement services, substance abuse programs, poison control services and the newly created local government retail marijuana impact grant program; and (3) \$6 million will remain in the general fund.	6/4/2015 – enacted (2015 Laws Chapter 271); effective 6/4/2015.

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Colorado 2015 HB 1379	The bill creates a permitted economic interest registration (“registration”) in both the regulated medical marijuana and retail marijuana systems. A registration can be held by a person or company with the ability to enter into different types of financial arrangements with a medical marijuana or retail marijuana licensee as long as the registrant cannot and does not exercise any control over the licensee. A registration may only be issued to a person or company who is entering into an agreement with an established medical or retail marijuana licensee.	5/29/2015 – enacted (2015 Laws Chapter 250); effective 8/5/2015.
Colorado 2015 HB 1387	Current law allows the operator of a licensed medical marijuana center, an optional premises cultivation license or a licensed medical marijuana-infused products business to apply for a retail marijuana establishment license. At the time an applicant's retail marijuana establishment license becomes effective, the applicant is allowed to transfer medical marijuana inventory to retail marijuana inventory. The bill prohibits an applicant from making a transfer of medical marijuana inventory to retail marijuana inventory beginning on July 1, 2016.	6/5/2015 – enacted (2015 Laws Chapter 332); effective 6/5/2015.
Colorado 2015 SB 40	The bill clarifies that counties are authorized, subject to voter approval, to levy, collect, and enforce a sales tax on all sales of retail marijuana and retail marijuana products by a retailer, in addition to any sales tax imposed by the state or the county.	2/3/2015 - postponed indefinitely by Committee on Finance.
Colorado 2015 SB 65	Current Colorado statutes prohibit the use of electronic benefits transfer cards at automated teller machines in liquor stores, gambling establishments, and firearms dealers. As amended, the bill extends these prohibitions to establishments licensed to sell medical marijuana, medical marijuana-infused, retail marijuana, or retail marijuana-infused products. The prohibition takes effect 60 days after law goes into effect.	5/1/2015 – enacted (2015 Laws Chapter 148); effective 5/1/2015.

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Colorado 2015 SB 136	The bill repeals the Department of Revenue's ("Department") authority to adopt rules concerning labeling retail marijuana products and establishes in statute the information that is required to be on labels of packages of retail marijuana. One of the required items on a label is a quick response code or web site address that allows a consumer of retail marijuana access to additional specified information not contained on the label. The Department is required as part of its seed-to-sale tracking system to create a web site for the additional information available to consumers of retail marijuana.	3/25/2015 – postponed indefinitely in Senate committee.
Colorado 2015 SB 167	Creates a one-year exception to the prohibition on appropriating moneys in the marijuana cash tax fund for the current fiscal year and authorizes the general assembly to appropriate a certain amount of moneys in the fund received by the state during the 2014-15 fiscal year; and reduces four appropriations for marijuana-related programs and services in four principal departments of the executive branch of state government.	3/13/2015 – enacted (2015 Laws Chapter 15); effective 3/13/2015.
Colorado 2015 SB 249	The bill increases the amount that the state treasurer is required to transfer on June 30, 2015, from the marijuana tax cash fund to the general fund by \$27.7 million to \$30.8 million.	5/1/2015 – enacted (2015 Laws Chapter 136); effective 5/1/2015.
Colorado 2015 SB 263	The bill creates the Colorado Marijuana Control Commission with various powers and duties, including: (1) to promulgate rules related to medical and retail marijuana; (2) to continuously study and investigate medical and retail marijuana to determine if there are defects in the regulatory scheme or abuses in the administration and operation of the state licensing authority and to make changes to the regulatory scheme; and (3) To issue licenses to those involved in the medical or retail marijuana business and take disciplinary action on the issued licenses.	5/4/2015 – postponed indefinitely in Senate committee.

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District of Columbia 2013 LB 1016	Prohibits, on an emergency basis, employers from testing potential employees for marijuana use during the hiring process, unless otherwise required by law.	1/25/2015 – enacted (Act number A20-0610); effective 1/25/2015 (expires 9/6/2015).
District of Columbia 2015 LB 23	“Marijuana Legalization and Regulation Act of 2015.” Legalizes the possession, consumption, display, purchasing, or transporting of 2 ounces or less pf marijuana and marijuana-infused products for personal use, not in public, for persons over the age of 21. Violation by persons under age 21 is a civil infraction. The bill designates that the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration shall receive all income from taxes, licensing fees, penalties, and forfeitures related to the District of Columbia marijuana industry.	2/9/2015 – public hearing held.
District of Columbia 2015 LB 25	“Prohibition of Pre-Employment Marijuana Testing Act of 2015.” Prohibits employers from testing potential employees for marijuana use during the hiring process, unless otherwise required by law.	6/1/2015 – adopted (Act No. A21-0067); transmitted to Congress for review; projected law date is 7/22/2015.
District of Columbia 2015 LB 106	Clarifies that private clubs will continue to be prohibited from offering marijuana to their members and that marijuana cannot be consumed in public space. This legislation is necessary to ensure that we enforce the will of the people who voted overwhelmingly in support of Initiative 71 by implementing the law in a safe, fair, and transparent manner.	6/4/2015 – enacted (Law No. L21-0011); effective 6/4/2015 to 1/15/2016.

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Oregon 2015 HB 2040	Prohibits medical marijuana facilities and licensed producers, processors and sellers of marijuana from being located within one mile of a school.	1/16/2015 – referred to Committee on Implementing Measure 91.
Oregon 2015 HB 2041	Imposes tax on retail sale of marijuana items, to be imposed upon consumers and collected and remitted by marijuana retailers. Requires marijuana retailers to submit returns quarterly. Directs the state Department of Revenue to administer and enforce provisions of tax. Repeals existing privilege tax imposed on marijuana producers and administered and enforced by Oregon Liquor Control Commission. Applies to retail sales by licensed marijuana retailers of marijuana items occurring on or after January 1, 2016. Requires proceeds of tax to be deposited in Oregon Marijuana Account and provides for distributions from account. Prohibits cities and counties that pass ordinances prohibiting medical or recreational marijuana facilities or sites from receiving proceeds of marijuana taxation.	7/3/2015 – enrolled.
Oregon 2015 HB 2147	Directs the Department of Revenue to conduct a study on the taxation of marijuana. Requires a report to be submitted to interim committee related to revenue no later than September 15, 2015.	7/6/2015 – in committee upon legislature adjournment.
Oregon 2015 HB 2312	Provides that the possession, delivery or manufacture of a controlled substance constituting a commercial drug offense must be for a controlled substance other than marijuana or marijuana product.	7/6/2015 – in committee upon legislature adjournment.
Oregon 2015 HB 2313	Amended 6/5/2015 to remove provisions related to marijuana.	6/26/2015 – enacted.
Oregon 2015 HB 2854	Modifies the offense of smoking in a motor vehicle to clarify that the offense applies to smoking marijuana and use of electronic cigarette to vaporize cannabinoid solutions.	7/6/2015 – in committee upon legislature adjournment.

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Oregon 2015 HB 2885	Provides that the Oregon Liquor Control Commission may delay issuing licenses to applicants for processing marijuana products that are intended to be consumed as food or as potable liquid until July 1, 2016.	7/6/2015 – in committee upon legislature adjournment.
Oregon 2015 HB 3238	Directs Department of Justice to study and report on barriers to extending credit to marijuana operations that are not criminal under state law. Sunsets on date of convening of 2016 regular session of Legislative Assembly.	7/6/2015 – in committee upon legislature adjournment.
Oregon 2015 HB 3369	Prohibits the Oregon Liquor Control Commission from issuing license to producer, processor or seller of marijuana if proposed premises for producing, processing or selling marijuana is within 1,000 feet of school. Exempts licensed producers, processors and sellers of marijuana and their representatives, and persons producing, processing, keeping, storing or delivering marijuana pursuant to homegrown marijuana provisions of Ballot Measure from crimes of unlawful manufacture of marijuana within 1,000 feet of school and unlawful delivery of marijuana within 1,000 feet of school.	7/6/2015 – in committee upon legislature adjournment.
Oregon 2015 HB 3370	Prohibits sale or transfer of certain types of marijuana products by person who holds license to sell marijuana at retail if marijuana products are not labeled. Specifies content of label. Prohibits sale or transfer of marijuana items by person who holds license to sell marijuana at retail under certain circumstances.	7/6/2015 – in committee upon legislature adjournment.
Oregon 2015 HB 3372	Provides for reduction of sentence for inmate convicted of crime related to marijuana and sentenced before July 1, 2015, who would not be culpable, or who would be culpable of committing lesser offense, if inmate had been sentenced on or after July 1, 2015. Makes changes to law with respect to expungement of crime related to marijuana.	7/6/2015 – in committee upon legislature adjournment.

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Oregon 2015 HB 3400	Establishes licensure qualifications for marijuana producers, marijuana processors, marijuana wholesalers and marijuana retailers. Directs the Oregon Liquor Control Commission to adopt certain rules related to licensure. Provides commission with additional enforcement powers over licensees, including use of seed to sale tracking system. Directs commission to establish canopy sizes for marijuana producers. Establishes land use law with respect to marijuana producers. Establishes that cannabinoid edibles are subject to laws of this state related to processing food. Requires individuals who perform certain type of work for or on behalf of marijuana retailers to obtain valid permit from Commission. Provides for time, place and manner of regulation of licensees by local governments. Authorizes governing body of local governments to refer to electors ordinance under which 3 percent tax may be imposed on sale of marijuana items. Becomes operative January 1, 2016.	6/30/2015 – enacted (2015 Laws H.B. 3400); effective 6/30/2015.
Oregon 2015 SJM 12	Urges Congress to support development of solution to financial issues arising from marijuana industry and to declassify marijuana as Schedule I drug under federal Controlled Substances Act.	7/7/2015 – adopted.
Oregon 2015 SB 124	Creates the crimes of unlawful manufacture of marijuana within 1,000 feet of a school zone and the unlawful delivery of marijuana within 1,000 feet of a school zone. Punishes violators with maximum five years' imprisonment, \$125,000 fine, or both.	1/20/2015 – referred to Committee on Judiciary and then Implementing Measure 91.
Oregon 2015 SB 162	Prohibits marijuana grow sites and licensed producers, processors and sellers of marijuana from being located within 1,000 feet of a school. Clarifies, with respect to medical marijuana facilities, the type of school to which prohibition applies. Requires marijuana grow sites and licensed producers, processors and wholesalers of marijuana to keep all marijuana inside a fence, barrier or other type of structure that prevents public access.	4/14/2015 – motion to withdraw from Committee on Judiciary failed.

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Oregon 2015 SB 445	As amended, requires medical marijuana facilities and marijuana retailers to post at facility or on premises of retail location notice of potential harmful effects of marijuana on pregnant women, fetuses and breastfeeding infants.	3/25/2015 – public hearing held.
Oregon 2015 SB 460	Allows medical marijuana dispensaries, beginning October 1, 2015, to sell limited marijuana retail product to persons at least 21 years of age in accordance with certain conditions. Allows local governments to adopt ordinances that prohibit sales of limited marijuana retail product. Requires Oregon Health Authority to create rules to implement Act. Allows authority to prohibit medical marijuana dispensaries in violation of Act from selling limited marijuana retail product. Sunsets December 31, 2016.	7/7/2015 – passed House.
Oregon 2015 SB 540	Prohibits retail sellers of marijuana for recreational use and medical marijuana facilities from being located within 1,000 feet of a certified child care facility or preschool recorded program. Makes prohibitions operative January 1, 2016. Creates the crimes of unlawful manufacture of marijuana within 1,000 feet of a child care facility or preschool recorded program and unlawful delivery of marijuana within 1,000 feet of a child care facility or preschool recorded program. Punishes by maximum 20 years' imprisonment, \$375,000 fine, or both. Creates the crime of possession or use of marijuana at or near child care facility or preschool recorded program. Punishes by maximum five years' imprisonment, \$125,000 fine, or both.	2/3/2015 – referred to Committee on Judiciary and then Implementing Measure 91.
Oregon 2015 SB 542	Repeals sections of Ballot Measure 91 that prescribe the manner in which local governments may regulate production, processing, wholesale sale, retail sale and taxation of marijuana. Specifies that provisions of Ballot Measure 91 do not prohibit local governments from adopting ordinances that regulate, restrict, prohibit or impose taxes on production, processing, wholesale sale or retail sale of marijuana.	3/4/2015 – public hearing held.

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Oregon 2015 SB 599	Directs the Oregon Department of Justice to study and report on laws of the state impacted by vote on initiative measures relating to marijuana. Requires report to be submitted to interim committee related to judiciary no later than September 15, 2015.	2/10/2015 – referred to Committee on Judiciary and then Implementing Measure 91.
Oregon 2015 SB 733	Changes the name of the “Oregon Liquor Control Commission” to the “Adult Substances Control Commission.” Changes the name of the “Oregon Liquor Control Commission Account” to the “Oregon Liquor Control Account.”	4/8/2015 – public hearing held.
Oregon 2015 SB 756	Modifies the offense of smoking in a motor vehicle to clarify that the offense applies to smoking marijuana and use of electronic cigarette to vaporize cannabinoid solutions.	3/6/2015 – referred to Committee on Judiciary and then Implementing Measure 91.
Oregon 2015 SB 842	Specifies the amount of civil penalty that the Oregon Liquor Control Commission may impose on a licensee for violating laws or rules related to the regulation of marijuana. Establishes the Marijuana Enforcement Fund and requires moneys collected from licensees who violate laws or rules to be deposited in fund.	3/5/2015 – referred to Committee on Implementing Measure 91.
Oregon 2015 SB 843	Requires the Oregon Liquor Control Commission to develop and maintain a system for tracking marijuana items offered for retail sale.	3/5/2015 – referred to Committee on Implementing Measure 91.
Washington 2015 HB 1165	Establishes a dedicated local jurisdiction marijuana fund and details the distribution of a specified percentage of marijuana excise tax revenues to local jurisdictions.	6/28/2015 – reintroduced and retained in present status.
Washington 2015 HB 1276	Includes a proposed open container law for marijuana that prohibits a driver from traveling with marijuana in the passenger area unless the driver is age 21 or over and the driver is transporting a recently purchased (and still sealed) package.	6/30/2015 – enacted (2015 Laws Second Special Session Chapter 3); effective 9/26/2015.

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Washington 2015 HB 1334	Clarifies the responsibility for payment of the taxes on sales by licensed recreational marijuana producers, processors, and retailers.	6/28/2015 – reintroduced and retained in present status.
Washington 2015 HB 1335	Permits cities, towns and counties to reduce the buffer between recreational marijuana businesses and various entities from 1,000 feet to 500 feet.	6/28/2015 – reintroduced and retained in present status.
Washington 2015 HB 1359	Provides for penalties if a person under the age of 21 purchases or attempts to purchase marijuana.	6/28/2015 – reintroduced and retained in present status.
Washington 2015 HB 1360	Makes it unlawful to open a package containing marijuana concentrate in public.	6/28/2015 – reintroduced and retained in present status.
Washington 2015 HB 1412	Provides that any county, city or town may enact an ordinance prohibiting the operation within its jurisdictional boundaries of any business or facility for the production, processing, and/or retail sale of recreational marijuana products, including marijuana, marijuana concentrates, and marijuana-infused products. In order to be enacted, a proposed ordinance must first be passed by the legislative authority of the county, city, or town and then approved by the majority of voters voting on it at a general or special election.	6/28/2015 – reintroduced and retained in present status.
Washington 2015 HB 1413	Reduces the buffer distance to 100 feet between recreational marijuana businesses and the following locations: any recreation center or facility, child care center, public park, public transit center, or library, or any game arcade admission to which is not restricted to persons aged twenty-one years or older.	6/28/2015 – reintroduced and retained in present status.
Washington 2015 HB 1414	Exempts marijuana producers from taxation for sales to other producers of marijuana seeds and cloned marijuana plants.	6/28/2015 – reintroduced and retained in present status.

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Washington 2015 HB 1438	Provides a process to permit cities, towns and counties to prohibit the production, processing, and sale of marijuana under Initiative Measure No. 502 only by public vote.	6/28/2015 – reintroduced and retained in present status.
Washington 2015 HB 1765	Changes present marijuana provisions so that marijuana is only authorized if it is in pill form prescribed by a physician.	6/28/2015 – reintroduced and retained in present status.
Washington 2015 HB 1776	Addresses the transportation and delivery services for licensed marijuana producers, marijuana processors, and marijuana retailers.	6/28/2015 – reintroduced and retained in present status.
Washington 2015 HB 1907	Restricts the operation of state licensed marijuana producers, marijuana processors or marijuana retailers within 1,000 feet of a religious facility.	6/28/2015 – reintroduced and retained in present status.
Washington 2015 HB 2000	Authorizes the Governor to enter into agreements with federally recognized Indian tribes in the state of Washington concerning marijuana. Such agreements may include provisions pertaining to: the lawful commercial production, processing, sale, and possession of marijuana for both recreational and medical purposes; marijuana-related research activities; law enforcement, both criminal and civil; and taxation.	5/8/2015 – enacted (2015 Laws Chapter 207); effective 7/24/2015.
Washington 2015 HB 2008	Intent of legislation is to reform the current tax structure for the regulated legal marijuana system to create price parity with the large medical and illicit markets with the specific objective of increasing the market share of the legal marijuana market. The legislature further intends to share marijuana tax revenues with local jurisdictions for public safety and chemical dependency and mental health treatment expenditures, requiring a rigorous evaluation of the incremental cost and use of proceeds the legalization of marijuana has on local communities. Finally, the legislation provides qualifying patients a retail sale and use tax exemption on purchases of marijuana for medical use when authorized by a health care professional.	6/28/2015 – reintroduced and retained in present status.

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Washington 2015 HB 2136	Bill provides that the legislature intends to reform the current tax structure for the regulated legal marijuana system to create price parity with the large medical and illicit markets with the specific objective of increasing the market share of the legal and highly regulated marijuana market. The legislature further intends to share marijuana tax revenues with local jurisdictions for public safety purposes and to facilitate the ongoing process of ensuring a safe regulated marijuana market in all communities across the state. The legislature further intends to provide qualifying patients and their designated providers a retail sales and use tax exemption on marijuana purchased or obtained for medical use when authorized by a health care professional.	6/30/2015 – enacted (2015 Laws Second Special Session Chapter 4); effective 7/1/2015.
Washington 2015 HB 2162	Increases marijuana excise tax to 30%. Provides that buyer shall pay tax to seller, who will hold funds in trust until paid to the state liquor control board. Provides that a city, county, or town may permit the licensing of premises within one thousand feet but not less than one hundred feet of certain locations except for elementary schools, secondary schools, and playgrounds.	6/28/2015 – reintroduced and retained in present status.
Washington 2015 HB 2196	Authorizes the home production of marijuana for personal use by adults 21 and older (up to six plants) in order to eliminate the need for multiple regulatory schemes and to remove the incentives driving the illicit marijuana market.	6/28/2015 – reintroduced and retained in present status.
Washington 2015 SB 5002	Open marijuana container law. Makes it a violation to keep marijuana in a vehicle unless it is: (1) in the trunk of the vehicle; (2) in some other area of the vehicle not normally occupied or directly accessible by the driver or passengers if the vehicle does not have a trunk; or (3) in a package, container, or receptacle that has not been opened or the seal broken or contents partially removed.	6/28/2015 – reintroduced and retained in present status.
Washington 2015 SB 5003	Relates to the taxes payable on sales by licensed recreational marijuana producers, processors and retailers. Increases the tax rate to 26 percent.	6/28/2015 – reintroduced and retained in present status.

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Washington 2015 SB 5121	Establishes a marijuana research license for the purposes of: (1) testing chemical potency and composition levels; (2) conducting clinical investigations of marijuana-derived drug products; (3) conducting research on the efficacy and safety of administering marijuana as part of medical treatment; and (4) conducting genomic or agricultural research.	4/24/2015 – enacted (2015 Laws Chapter 71); effective 7/24/2015.
Washington 2015 SB 5130	Provides that the state Liquor Control Board shall not issue a marijuana producer or marijuana processor license for any premises located within an area zoned for residential use or an area zoned for rural use with a minimum lot size of five acres.	6/28/2015 – reintroduced and retained in present status.
Washington 2015 SB 5398	Makes it unlawful to open a package containing marijuana concentrate in public.	6/28/2015 – reintroduced and retained in present status.
Washington 2015 SB 5400	Places a temporary additional fee on licenses and permits issued by the Washington state liquor control board (including all applications and renewals of licenses relating to marijuana required under Chapter 69.50 of the Washington Code).	6/28/2015 – reintroduced and retained in present status.
Washington 2015 SB 5402	Provides for penalties if a person under the age of 21 purchases or attempts to purchase marijuana.	6/28/2015 – reintroduced and retained in present status.
Washington 2015 SB 5417	Amends the allocation of distribution of marijuana tax funds to counties, cities and towns.	6/28/2015 – reintroduced and retained in present status.
Washington 2015 SB 5450	Expands the restrictions on issuing a marijuana license within 1,000 feet of a licensed chemical dependency program, church, or other location where children regularly congregate.	6/28/2015 – reintroduced and retained in present status.
Washington 2015 SB 5461	Allows person convicted of certain misdemeanor marijuana offenses to apply to the court for a vacation of conviction.	6/28/2015 – reintroduced and retained in present status.

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Washington 2015 SB 5467	Provides a single point of excise taxation on sales of recreational marijuana.	6/28/2015 – reintroduced and retained in present status.
Washington 2015 SB 5493	Clarifies that cannabis health and beauty aids are not subject to the regulations of 69.50 RCW that apply to marijuana, marijuana concentrates, or marijuana-infused products.	6/28/2015 – reintroduced and retained in present status.
Washington 2015 SB 5519	“Comprehensive Marijuana Reform Act.” The intention of the legislation is to draw bright line rules to aid enforcement of both medical and recreational marijuana systems, to merge medical system into the recreational regulatory scheme so all products sold in the state meet at least the same testing and product safety requirements, and to ensure that people who require marijuana for their medical care are still provided adequate access to this product. In addition, the goal is to adopt a medical marijuana waiver system that allows patients to directly apply with the Department of Health to get a waiver from the limits provided by this bill in order to address their unique medical needs. This system eliminates the need for a medical marijuana registry that involves the health care professional as the "gatekeeper" to entry and will eliminate abuse of authorizations.	6/28/2015 – reintroduced and retained in present status.
Washington 2015 SB 5572	Provides that a city, town, or county may adopt an ordinance to decrease to no less than 500 feet the distance that marijuana producers, marijuana processors, marijuana retailers, or marijuana researchers must be located from recreation centers or facilities, child care centers, public parks, public transit centers, or libraries, or any game arcades admission to which is not restricted to persons aged 21 or older. Also, a city, town, or county may adopt an ordinance to prohibit a marijuana producer, marijuana processor, marijuana retailer, or marijuana researcher from locating its premises up to 1,000 feet from a church.	6/28/2015 – reintroduced and retained in present status.

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Washington 2015 SB 5848	Authorizes the governor to enter into agreements with federally recognized Indian tribes in the state of Washington concerning marijuana.	6/28/2015 – reintroduced and retained in present status.
Washington 2015 SB 5858	Establishes a state cannabis industry and economic development committee to promote and further develop the industry while remaining in compliance with federal guidelines. Directs the committee to address evolving marijuana issues and submit its policy recommendations for consideration by the 2016 legislature.	6/28/2015 – reintroduced and retained in present status.
Washington 2015 SB 5903	Makes it unlawful to sell marijuana, marijuana concentrates, marijuana-infused products, or usable marijuana via vending machine or a drive-thru facility. Also prohibits the state Liquor Control Board from issuing a retail marijuana license to any such business.	6/28/2015 – reintroduced and retained in present status.
Washington 2015 SB 6062	Revises law regarding marijuana excise taxes. Changes excise tax to 37% of selling price on each retail sale of marijuana. The tax must be separately itemized for the buyer from the selling price and state/local sales tax. The excise tax shall be distributed with \$11,700,000 per year to the general fund and remainder to the education legacy trust account.	6/28/2015 – reintroduced and retained in present status.
Washington 2015 SB 6083	Authorizes the home production of marijuana for personal use by adults 21 and older (up to six plants) in order to eliminate the need for multiple regulatory schemes and to remove the incentives driving the illicit marijuana market.	6/28/2015 – reintroduced and retained in present status.
Washington 2015 SB 6136	An act to reform the current tax structure for the regulated legal marijuana system to create price parity with the large medical and illicit markets with the specific objective of increasing the market share of the legal and highly regulated marijuana market. The legislature further intends to share marijuana tax revenues with local jurisdictions for public safety purposes and to facilitate the ongoing process of ensuring a safe regulated marijuana market in all communities across the state.	6/28/2015 – reintroduced and retained in present status.

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