

I-1534 Cannabis Crime Shred Initiative

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Statement of Subject: Initiative Measure No. 1534 concerns marijuana, cannabis, hemp, and narcotics.

Concise Description: This measure would prohibit marijuana, cannabis, and hemp production, processing, or sale in residential-zoned neighborhoods; penalize (including by property forfeiture) certain cannabis or narcotics-related conduct; require reporting and inspection; and create tax breaks.

Should this measure be enacted into law? **Yes** **No**

Ballot Measure Summary:

This measure would prohibit production, processing, or sale of marijuana, cannabis, or hemp in residential-zoned neighborhoods; subject violators, property owners, utility providers, and others to imprisonment, fines, and/or property forfeiture for violating these and other requirements; and make property owners responsible for tenant screening. It would impose reporting and inspection requirements on those engaging in cannabis commerce and others in areas zoned for such activity, subject to fines for violations and tax breaks for compliance.

INITIATIVE PETITION FOR SUBMISSION TO THE LEGISLATURE

To the Honorable Steve Hobbs,
Secretary of State of the State of Washington

We, the undersigned citizens and legal voters of the State of Washington, respectfully direct that this petition and the proposed measure known as Initiative Measure 1534, and entitled, "Initiative Measure 1534" Initiative Measure No. 1534 concerns marijuana, cannabis, hemp, and narcotics. This measure would prohibit marijuana, cannabis, or hemp production, processing, or sale in residential-zoned neighborhoods. A full, true, and correct copy of which is printed on the reverse side of this petition, be submitted to the legislature of the State of Washington for the next legislative session; and each of us for himself or herself says: I have personally signed this petition; I am a legal voter of the State of Washington in the city (or town) and county written after my name, my residence address is correctly stated, and I have knowingly signed this petition only once.

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PETITION GATHERER, SIGN HERE!

I, _____ swear or affirm under penalty of law that I circulated this sheet of the foregoing petition, and that, to the best of my knowledge, every person who signed this sheet of the foregoing petition knowingly and without any compensation or promise of compensation willingly signed his or her true name and that the information provided therewith is true and correct. I further acknowledge that under chapter 29A.84 RCW, forgery of signatures on this petition constitutes a class C felony, and that offering any consideration or gratuity to any person to induce them to sign a petition is a gross misdemeanor, such violations being punishable by fine or imprisonment or both. RCW 9A.46.020 applies to any conduct constituting harassment against a petition signature gatherer. This penalty does not preclude the victim from seeking any other remedy otherwise available under law.

NAME (signature) _____ PHONE _____
HOME EMAIL _____ Mailing Address _____

Get as many signatures as you can and mail this petition back to us as soon as possible. Fold it, put it in an envelope, and mail it to:

REGIS COSTELLO . 14462 58th Ave. So. Tukwila, WA 98168

The government only gives us until December 30, 2022 to gather 325,000 valid signatures. Time is short — ACT NOW.

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TEXT OF Cannabis Crime Shred Initiative 1534

AN ACT Relating to the schedule 1 narcotic known under the name cannabis, marijuana, and hemp and electricity theft associated with its production, processing, and sales in residential zoned neighborhoods; amending RCW 69.50.331 and 9A.82.010; adding a new section to chapter 69.50 RCW; creating new sections; offering tax incentive; prescribing penalties; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. The ~~people~~ legislature intends to prevent the unlawful theft of electricity in marijuana, cannabis, and hemp operations.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 69.50 RCW to read as follows:

(1) The production, processing, and sale of marijuana, cannabis, and hemp is unlawful in residential zoned neighborhoods.

(2) This section applies to marijuana, cannabis, and hemp tetrahydrocannabinol, cannabidiol, and cannabidiol products, whether or not approved by the United States department of health and human services, the United States food and drug administration, or the United States department of agriculture for consumer use.

(3) A person, congregation of people, business entity, or corporation found to be imposing crime, and in violation of the zoning laws for marijuana, cannabis, and hemp production, processing, and sales is subject to total confiscation of the property according to existing federal, state, and local laws. Utility companies, utility districts, contractors, and agents cannot declare immunity. Moreover, utility company associates, partners, real estate brokers, legal counsel, county councilmembers, county executives, city councilmembers, city mayors, or subcontractors cannot declare immunity, and, therefore, will be prosecuted for aiding in the imposing crime of electricity theft. Specifically, when the Washington state patrol or drug enforcement agency tip line is used to identify a crime and the tip has not been properly pursued by the utility company or its partners or associates, then the burden of proof lies on the utility company to determine its intent not to act in accordance with the laws.

(a) A person who violates this section or corporate officer who violates this section, is subject to a class C felony under chapter 9A.20 RCW and the penalties provided in RCW 9A.82.100. A real property owner found in violation of this section is subject to a penalty of forfeiture and seizure of the personal and real property. The forfeiture includes all homeowners in violation of the laws governing appropriate zoning for marijuana, cannabis, and hemp. The burden of screening any tenant including, but not limited to, the cease and desist of all aspects with intent to occupy and conduct unlawful narcotics activities on the real property, rests upon the legal owner of the real property regardless of who has residency under the lease or rental agreement at the time law enforcement reports the violation.

(b) Anyone responsible or culpable of unlawful cannabis, marijuana, hemp, and narcotic processing resulting in toxic residue without proper storage or disposal is subject to a \$1,000 fine. Toxins are not limited to molds, chemicals, or plastic packaging and syringes.

(c) Any person, congregation of people, business entity, or corporation engaging in cannabis commerce of any kind outside a residential zone, and within a properly zoned area for marijuana, cannabis, and hemp, must report to the department of homeland security by January 15th of each year for annual inspection.

Moreover, county executives, city and county councilmembers, and city mayors must sign off for the annual inspection by authorized signature within the municipality of all cannabis activity. The nature of the annual inspection shall be for the purpose of zoning, health, terrorism hazard assessment, and safety code compliance verification. Annual compliance can also be verified through the Washington state patrol.

(d) All individual sole proprietors and business entities maintaining cannabis code compliance verification for zoning, health, terrorism hazard reduction, and safety, shall receive a tax break incentive in the amount of 10 percent of the total annual sales. Conversely, failure to obtain verification will subject the real property owner and business entity to a \$5,000 fine.

(e) Property disclosure statements shall be made available for public record and documented within the real property records in the county of which the real property is subject to criminal marijuana production and law enforcement sanctions. Any real estate broker, agent, county councilmember, county executive, city councilmember, city mayor, or legal counsel representing a real property owner that knowingly fails, or should have known, to identify any criminal activity regarding any marijuana or narcotics on the form 17 property disclosure form will be subject to a \$5,000 fine. All fines collected from those who impose cannabis crime shall be allocated in United States currency to support roadway cleanup at and around highways and bridges. Supervising authority will be through the Washington state department of transportation and currency held in escrow under its oversight.

(4) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this section unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

(a) "Cannabis" means the dried tops of hemp plants (*Cannabis sativa*), which have euphoric principles (tetrahydrocannabinols), classified as a hallucinogen.

(b) "Forfeiture and seizure" means loss of legal title as a consequence to the violation of this section.

(c) "Form-17" means documentation and seller property disclosure statement of real property proposed being sold, and all known history of past remodels, alterations, or unlawful activity shall be made available to any prospective buyer or interested persons.

(d) "Hemp" has the meanings provided for "hemp" and "industrial hemp" in RCW 15.140.020. Including and not limited to recent FDA warning for illegal delta 9 and delta 8 products. Not limited to the meaning of delta 9 or delta 8 since the FDA health warning for products made from hemp in the warning letter to violators in May 2022.

~~see letter content at:~~

~~<https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/fda-issues-warning-letters-companies-illegally-selling-ebd-and-delta-8-the-products>~~

(e) "Terrorism hazard" means any method of harassment with the intent to cause mental or physical injury or death for the purpose of advancing the organization of extreme fear and intimidation.

(f) "Tetrahydrocannabinol" means either of two physiologically active isomers C₂₁H₃₀O₂ from hemp plant resin, the chief intoxicant in marijuana.

(g) "Toxin" means the residual chemicals and mold absorbed within the sheetrock and wood or construction materials that occur during irrigation and treatment of cannabis, marijuana, or hemp.

(h) "Electricity theft" means diverting, altering, or bypassing any power meter designated for regular power supply use and monitored by the local utility district or company for residential and commercial power. The alteration theft of power committed by the growers, manufacturers and processors of marijuana, cannabis, and hemp related products in order to remain undetected by law enforcement officials.

Sec. 3. RCW 69.50.331 and 2022 c 16 s 58 are each amended to read as follows: (1) For the purpose...

~~(9) ((A city, town, or county may adopt an ordinance prohibiting a) The board may shall not issue a license to a cannabis, marijuana, or hemp producer or cannabis processor ((from operating or locating a business)) located within areas zoned primarily for residential use or rural use. with a minimum lot size of five acres or smaller...~~

Sec. 4. RCW 9A.82.010 and 2013 c 302 s 10 are each amended to read as follows:...

(uu) Electricity theft, as defined in section 2 of this act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. Sec. 5. This act must be liberally construed to carry out its policies, purposes, and intent.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. Sec. 6. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. Sec. 7. This act may be known and cited as the cannabis crime shred act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. Sec. 8. This act takes effect January 1, 2023. 2024