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COPY: Government Performance and Finance Committee
SUBJECT: Employment Standards for Marijuana Retailing Businesses
DATE: August 3, 2016

SUMMARY:

This presentation is an informational briefing regarding Employment Standards for Marijuana Retailing businesses proposed by local citizens.

BACKGROUND:

Retail marijuana licensing is controlled and regulated by the State Liquor and Cannabis Board (LCB). Some state regulations relate to the quality of marijuana and patient safety. The LCB allotted 16 retail locations to Tacoma and to date has issued 15 Marijuana Retailer licenses within the City of Tacoma. The State licensing process allows for input from local jurisdictions, which is taken into consideration before the license is issued. Through Tacoma Municipal Code Title 13, the City regulates where marijuana retail establishments can be located.

ISSUE:

Staff was asked to provide information on the City's ability to regulate employment standards for marijuana retailing businesses and what other jurisdictions around the country, who also authorize marijuana sales, are regulating in the area of employment standards.

ALTERNATIVES:

This is an informational briefing only. There are no alternatives presented.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This is an informational briefing only. There is no fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION:

This is an informational briefing only. There is no recommendation.