

SJ48 2.1 – Legislative Considerations

CHILDREN, FAMILIES, HEALTH, AND HUMAN SERVICES INTERIM COMMITTEE
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SJ48 2.1 is the first draft of the second piece of provisional legislation in response to the committee’s study of the public health and safety impacts of recreational marijuana in Montana. The following context and questions provide a framework for committee discussion.

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DRAFTED SECTIONS

SECTION 1: MARIJUANA PREVENTION EDUCATION

PROGRAM CONTENT

1. What is unique about this education program? What needs should this program meet that current prevention and education efforts do not meet? Note that [16-12-122, MCA](#) directs DPHHS to use HEART Fund dollars for substance use disorder prevention.

PROGRAM OPERATION

Section 1, subsection (5) charges DPHHS with significant oversight, reporting, and coordination responsibilities related to the program – a program that is managed by an “external entity” selected through the state procurement process.

2. How much of the program’s resources will be dedicated to administration and coordination between DPHHS and the “external entity”?

3. Can a single “external entity” handle the scope of this extensive, holistic program? If the program is administered by multiple entities, would this create a management challenge?
4. Would it be more efficient for DPHHS to develop and manage such a program “in-house”?
5. What program development and administration structure would best meet the needs and purpose of the desired program content?

SECTIONS 2 AND 3: FUNDING

6. How would the committee like to redistribute funds from the marijuana state special revenue account ([16-12-111, MCA](#)) to support the program?
7. Does the program need the set \$1,000,000 (as recommended in the legislative proposal) each year, or should the first year provide more funding than subsequent years to accommodate “start up” costs? Would the committee prefer to resource the program through another avenue?
8. Would the committee like to limit the amount of program funds that can be used for program administration, directing the rest to program delivery?