

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Williamson

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

**Fiscal:** Fiscal statement issued

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**Action:** Do Pass the B-Engrossed Measure

**Vote:** 18 – 8 – 1

House

Yeas: Barker, Buckley, Frederick, Huffman, Jenson, Komp, McLane, Nathanson, Read,  
Richardson, Tomei, Williamson

Nays: Freeman, Hanna, Smith

Exc:

Senate

Yeas: Bates, Devlin, Edwards, Steiner Hayward, Winters, President Courtney

Nays: Girod, Hansell, Monroe, Thomsen, Whitsett

Exc: Johnson

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**Meeting Date:** June 19, 2013

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Reduces manufacture of marijuana from a Class A felony to a Class B felony. Reduces possession of 1 to 4 ounces of marijuana to a Class B misdemeanor, or a greater amount to a Class C felony. Makes possession of less than 1/4 ounce marijuana product a Class B misdemeanor, or a greater amount to a class C felony. Provides for violation fine of \$650. Declares and emergency, effective upon passage

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Fiscal impact of the measure

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** The measure would put marijuana in line with other Schedule II controlled substances, but breakout marijuana even further by making lesser amounts misdemeanors instead of felonies.