

March 22, 2021
Regarding: HB 3112 Cannabis Equity Board

Dear legislators,

Concerning equity based legislation going forward.

We all want an inclusive society which affords the same opportunities for all people regardless of race or socioeconomic background. Why then are we going backward in creating equity boards that only allow certain individuals to participate? Why are we excluding others?

This is all backwards and will not achieve the desired result.

Before creating yet again another board, study, or legislation that benefits only the few, etc we must ask ourselves a few questions.

1. Does the scope of this new entity have a valid proposal? In which the creation of, attempts to either solve a real problem, or find a real solution with quantifiable data that can be used to support the argument?
2. Is the cost to the taxpayer for creating this new entity a worthwhile investment that will serve all members of society equally? Or is this created to prove an ideological point?
3. Does the creation of this new entity create inequity by its mere existence? ie, does it create more problems than it solves?
4. If public funds are being used are they being redirected to benefit a minority or are they being used to support the majority of the public?

I believe we can all use this template to ask ourselves a series of simple screening questions that will be able to direct our decisions in a more efficient manner going forward.

If the answers to these questions cannot be undeniably yes then the bill being proposed needs to go back to the drawing board and be revised until the goals can be clearly stated, the study of can be clearly quantifiable, and the cost to taxpayers can be justified with merit.

Finally, any new legislation needs to be of benefit to all under our constitution. If it is not, it is unconstitutional, and should not be implemented.