

Department of Planning and Budget
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Bill Number: HB75H3

Patron: Keys-Gamarra

Bill Title: Medical marijuana; administration to terminally ill patients.

Bill Summary: Directs the Department of Health to convene a work group to discuss the implementation process for providing cannabis products to patients within medical care facilities and issue a report by November, 1 2026. Expands the authority to hospital staff the ability to possess, distribute, and administer medical cannabis oil to patients. As amended in the nature of a substitute, requires the work group to assess any available federal guidance or proposed regulations on the use of cannabis products or changes to the schedule for cannabis products under the federal Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. § 801 et seq.) as well as interaction with applicable state laws.

Fiscal Summary: It is assumed that minimal adherence to the provisions of this bill can be achieved within existing agency resources, including the promulgation of regulations that may result from this bill.

Fiscal Analysis: The provisions of this legislation require VDH to convene a work group to discuss the implementation process for providing cannabis products to patients within medical care facilities. It is expected that VDH would be able to absorb the costs of convening the required work group and providing the reports as required by the bill. It is assumed that the evaluation and deliverables associated with the initiative would be limited to the expertise and time available from work group representatives. The bill does not provide for workgroup members to receive compensation or reimbursement.

Other: None