1. Working Group Name:

*Laboratory Working Group*

1. Individual Sponsor(s):

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1. Describe the Recommendation:

*• Labs should be required to receive ISO 17025 accreditation. Senator Segerblom SB329 requires ISO17025 accreditation.*

*• Per SB329, existing labs are required to be accredited by Jan 2019, new labs will have 1 year. The task force could adopt this same recommendation.*

*• ISO requires PT testing as part of the accreditation process. PT testing should be continued by Absolute Standard as currently required under the medical program until the Dept. of Agriculture develops a matrix-based PT testing program (Round Robin) that is a viable alternative and acceptable for ISO*

*• Dept. of Ag conducts 3 PT tests per year. You must pass two. If you fail one, you get opportunity at end of year. April, October, December*

*• Use 2017 Round Robin testing to collect data on lab variation and what is acceptable variation. Perform a Round Robin where all the standards are single source. This may be better handled through ILAC and the Medical Program at this point.*

*• Institute Specific Penalties for labs found to be issuing Fraudulent results, engaging in dry labing, or that are unable to meet regulatory requirements*

*• Adopt tiered punishment structure similar to the Oregon model.*

1. Which Guiding Principle(s) does this recommendation support?

*Guiding Principle 1 - Promote the health, safety, and well-being of Nevada’s communities*

*Guiding Principle 2 - Be responsive to the needs and issues of consumers, non-consumers, local governments and the industry*

*Guiding Principle 7 - Take action that is faithful to the text of Question 2*

1. What provision(s) of Question 2 does this recommendation apply to?

*Sec 2 (c) – Cultivating, manufacturing, testing, transporting, and selling marijuana will be strictly controlled through state licensing and regulations*

*Sec 2 (g) – Marijuana sold in the state will be tested and labeled*

*Sec 5 (f) – Requirements for the testing and labeling of marijuana and marijuana products sold by marijuana establishments including a numerical indication of potency based on the ration of THC to the weight of a product intended for oral consumption*

1. What issue(s) does the recommendation resolve?

*Addresses the requirements for quality lab results which promote the health and safety of the consumer*

1. Was there dissent in the group regarding this recommendation? If yes, please provide a summary of the dissenting opinion regarding the recommendation.

*No dissent*

1. What action(s) will be necessary to adopt the recommendation? Will statute, policy, regulations, etc. need to be addressed?

*Regulations from the Medical Marijuana program will need to be amended*

1. Additional information (cost of implementation, priority according to the recommendations, etc.).

*This recommendation will require Laboratory’s to become ISO 17025 accredited. This process typically involves considerable man hours by the laboratory to implement and $10,000+ for the actual accreditation by an independent third party accreditor. The Dept. of Agriculture will also incur additional costs if they will implement the round-robin proficiency testing in the future.*