1. Working group name:

*Consumer Safety, Education and Health*

1. Individual sponsor(s):

*Joe Hardy, Nevada Senate*

*Joe Iser, Chief Health Officer, Southern Nevada Health District*

*Dr. John DiMuro, Chief Medical Officer, NV Dept. of Health and Human Services*

1. Describe the recommendation:

*The Nevada banking systems needs re-tooling or NRS implementation of banking authority for both medical and recreational marijuana. This recommendation will help to assure that the marijuana industry is competitive compared to other states, where recreational marijuana is legal to varying degrees. This will also help to undermine the black market and illegal cartel action. As Colorado moves to protect its industry by developing laws and regulations that would convert recreational marijuana vendors into medical marijuana vendors, Nevada should consider the same.*

*In the State of Oregon, last year the legislature passed a bill (HB 4094) that provided financial institutions protection from criminal liability for providing financial services to registered or licensed marijuana businesses. The bill also allowed the agency to share registrant/licensee information with state banks if they requested it. While the legislation protected banks from what would have been violations of state banking law, the effect was minimal because federal banking laws largely govern these institutions. It is recommended that Nevada allow credit unions with State charters provide services to marijuana businesses in Nevada. A credit union will perform due diligence and get a lot of specifics on the business to make sure it is compliant with state laws and regulations before it accepts it as a client and continuously throughout the relationship.*

1. Which guiding principle(s) does this recommendation support?

*Guiding Principle 6 - Establish regulations that are clear and practical, so that interactions between law enforcement (at the local, state and federal levels), consumers, and licensees are predictable and understandable.*

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

*Section 15 Marijuana excise tax.*

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

*A recent article in the Las Vegas Review-Journal (“Nevada’s legal marijuana industry faces banking problem,” April 1, 2017) discussed issues in Nevada. These include:*

* *There will be an influx of cash that has no bank to utilize due to federal law.*
* *Companies cannot get loans or take debit or credit cards.*
* *Companies cannot pay taxes without using cash.*
* *Companies may not be able to get financing.*
* *There may be banking and other solutions being pioneered by other recreational marijuana states.*

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

*No.*

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

*Likely Nevada legislative and administration actions.*

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

*Unsure, but likely nothing.*