1. Working group name:

*Consumer Safety/Education/Health Working Group*

1. Individual sponsor(s):

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1. Describe the recommendation:

*It is recommended that the State of Nevada establish and fund a program of research to evaluate and assess the immediate and long-term impact of Ballot Question 2 on marijuana use and public health in Nevada.*

*This program of research and data collection should include:*

*(1) clinical and observational research,*

*(2) health policy and health economics research, and*

*(3) public health and public safety research undertaken by university-based researchers and policy analysts at UNR, UNLV, other institutions of higher education in Nevada, and policy analysts at the State of Nevada in accordance with final recommendations for marijuana research contained in the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine’s consensus report, The Health Effects of Cannabis and Cannabinoids: The Current State of Evidence and Recommendations for Research (2017).*

*The recommended Nevada program of research on marijuana and health should include or facilitate:*

* *Establishment of baseline metrics and data on patterns of marijuana use and health impacts in youth and adult populations following legalization of recreational marijuana, and the identification of subgroups at high risk for physiological and psychological damage in relation to patterns of use and doses of marijuana;*
* *To the extent that potential health hazards are identified, evidence-based policy research findings should be utilized to address possible safeguards and precautions to protect consumers and at-risk populations;*
* *Establishment of ongoing, longitudinal research and data collection that monitors of patterns of marijuana use and their health impacts for youth, adult, and at-risk populations;*
* *Establishment of ongoing research and data collection that monitors of patterns of health care utilization and treatment costs associated with changes in marijuana consumption;*
* *Establishment of annual reporting requirements of data collection and research findings to inform policy development for local and state agencies and authorities charged with promoting and protecting the public’s health;*
* *Use of Nevada-cultivated marijuana for research on the therapeutic effects and other health effects of marijuana on human health and well-being;*
* *Establishment of a medical database for workers in the marijuana cultivation industry to ensure occupational health and safety, including baseline medical testing; and*
* *Funding and staffing commensurate with the establishment and operation of an effective research program on marijuana and health needed to monitor and assure public health and safety following marijuana legalization in Nevada.*

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

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

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

*Question 2 does not address the need for public health monitoring and surveillance, or a mechanism for funding this type of ongoing research and evaluation.*

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

*Question 2 does not establish a program or a funding mechanism for establishing baseline data or a program of research to evaluate patterns of marijuana use or the impact of marijuana use on population health in Nevada.*

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?

*Developing an explicit dedication of retail tax revenue, since Question 2 does not provide such revenue for public health monitoring and surveillance.*

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

*Costs may be incurred by industry if medical evaluations are mandated for workers in the cultivation sector.*