

Figure 7: Initiative Discussion Page

Initiative Measure No. 1068 concerning marijuana would...

- Remove state civil and criminal penalties for persons eighteen years or older who cultivate, possess, transport, sell, or use marijuana or marijuana paraphernalia.
- Declassify marijuana as a "controlled substance."
- Provisions authorizing seizure or forfeiture of property would not apply to marijuana-related offenses committed by persons eighteen years or older.
- Retain current restrictions and penalties applicable to persons under eighteen.

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This initiative summary remains at the top of the page, to provide discussion participants with a reference resource.

Participants get to this page from either the Position-centric or Reason-centric initiative pages by clicking on a Comment link on a specific point.

Each point (green for pro, pink for con) within the consideration "State Budget Impact" will be displayed on this page. The <140 character point description becomes the title of a discussion thread about that point, while the <500 character point description becomes a subtitle with a more detailed description of the point.

The order of the discussion threads is currently determined by how important the point is (how many times it has been endorsed). We might want to change this so that people don't end up just discussing the most "popular" points.

Discuss Initiative 1068 - State Budget Impact

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Regulation, enforcement, and programs will outweigh tax revenue

Costs for regulating the marijuana industry, and the resultant increase of enforcement and social service costs would more than outweigh any increase in revenue from sales tax.

Added by BallardBorn



Ruth Birge

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Andrew Milsbaugh

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Proponents of legalization are not primarily motivated by revenue concerns by tkriplean delete

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Each thread (pro or con point discussion) is collapsed by default after 3 comments in order to keep the page from getting too long. Clicking "x more comments (view all)" expands the discussion completely, allowing the user to see the whole thread.

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sales tax increase will help balance budget and fund programs


The money the state earns by taxing the sale of marijuana will could fund public programs like education and parks, as well as drug awareness and treatment programs.

Added by Spicoli




Stacy Q.

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Our state social service organizations currently struggle to provide consistent access. by Larry Jones delete

Legalization, taxation and regulation would provide a rich new revenue stream for state agencies. by Larry Jones delete



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