

2017 HOUSE HUMAN SERVICES

HCR 3007

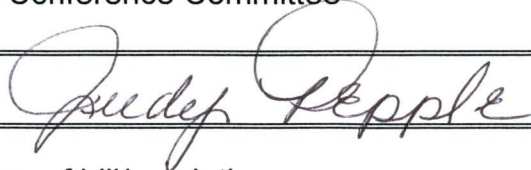
2017 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Human Services Committee
Fort Union Room, State Capitol

HCR 3007
1/23/2017
27212

- Subcommittee
 Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature



Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:
Studying the legalization of marijuana.

Minutes:

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Chairman Weisz: called the committee to order.
Chairman Weisz: Opened hearing on HCR 3007

Rep. Nelson
(Attachment 1)

This bill is neither a promotion or an attack against legalization. Let's study the issue this coming interim period and have good facts to govern our decisions.

I wrote up the amendment to add the decriminalization and taxation if the committee feels to adopt that or not. I just want to make it clear that this is not just a study to see one certain point that we should go to on this.

Chairman Weisz: Are there any questions from the committee?

Representative P. Anderson: So I am kind of new to this process and if we are going to study something it is during the interim and other than the legislature's time and time from the department of health is there any cost at all?

Rep. Nelson: Yes, there certainly is a cost. In general, legislative management has a budget which is used on those interim committees and for funding those studies. Once in a while we get additional help from some of the foundations and such. Where it gets expensive is if we start bringing in people from out of state. You could spend a lot of money on this if you wanted to, but I don't think we are in a position where we really need to.

Chairman Weisz: Rep. Nelson, in the handout you gave what is the relevance to the states that are bold and underlined and the ones that aren't?

Rep. Nelson: Well, that is my lack of being able to use the computer. Really what you are looking at is links that I copied and pasted.

Chairman Weisz: Further questions from the committee?
Seeing none, thank you.

Chairman Weisz: Further testimony in support of HCR 3007?

Katherine Boshenko

I am here to say, I don't use it personally. I join parallel with legalization. I am all in favor of it because with alcohol legalized there is not a reason why marijuana couldn't be legalized and taxed as well. I see some benefits financially for the state. I suppose I just came some distance to speak my peace. I don't use it personally, but I know people that do and they benefit from the effects of it. It is relaxing and different illnesses that people suffer from also benefit from it.

Chairman Weisz: Are there questions from the committee? If not, thank you.

Chairman Weisz: Further testimony in support of HCR 3007? Seeing none, is there anyone here in opposition to HCR 3007?

Hearing closed on HCR 3007.

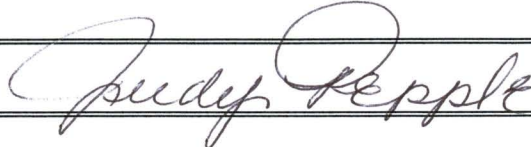
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27404

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Studying the legalization of marijuana.

Minutes:

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Chairman Weisz: We will now call this committee back to order.
HCR 3007 Are there any questions, motions?

There is an amendment for it.

Chairman Weisz: I will entertain a motion on the amendments if there is one.

Representative Devlin: I move we adopt the amendments.

Chairman Weisz: Is there a second?

Representative Damschen: I will second it.

Chairman Weisz: Is there discussion on the amendments? It just basically adds taxation as something to study.

Voice vote taken to adopt the amendment.
Motion to adopt the amendment carried.

Chairman Weisz: Ok committee we have an amended resolution in front of us. Are there any further amendments? Motions?

Representative McWilliams: I make a motion for a do pass.

Chairman Weisz: We have a motion for a do pass. Is there a second?

Representative P. Anderson: Second.

Chairman Weisz: Discussion?

Representative P. Anderson: I think this is a good idea to do a study, because I do think at some point legalizing marijuana is going to go on the ballot. Whether it would pass or not, I don't know, but if we do a study at least we can have some input as to the language that goes into the measure on the ballot. That would just be proactive I think.

Chairman Weisz: Other discussion?

Representative Skroch: I am not familiar with what it costs to do like an interim committee study. Is there an additional significant cost to the state?

Chairman Weisz: Legislative council has a budget. That includes doing a study. We pass hundreds of studies and then legislative management will meet and they will pick 40, 50, 60 of the studies that they think are necessary and then we study them. It will most likely be given to a committee that is already formed and studying other issues. I am not sure where this one would go. It could go in Human Services or Health or whatever. There would not be any more need for resources unless the chairman of the committee would make a request to hire an outside consultant for additional information and then that would have to be approved by legislative management. So no it is not going to add additional cost to the body up front.

Are there any further questions or discussion? If there is not further discussion, the clerk will call the roll for a do pass as amended on HCR 3007.

Roll call vote taken.

Motion for a do pass as amended on HCR passed yes 9 no 3 absent 2

Chairman Weisz: Who would like to carry this?

Representative Schneider: I will carry it.

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Prepared by the Legislative Council staff for
Representative M. Nelson
January 25, 2017

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3007

Page 1, line 2, after "legalization" insert ", decriminalization, and taxation"

Page 1, line 14, after "legalization" insert ", decriminalization, and taxation"

Re-number accordingly

Date: 1-25-17
 Roll Call Vote #: 1

2017 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
ROLL CALL VOTES
 BILL/RESOLUTION NO. Res. 3007

House Human Services Committee

Subcommittee

Amendment LC# or Description: 17.3038.01001

Recommendation: Adopt Amendment
 Do Pass Do Not Pass Without Committee Recommendation
 As Amended Rerefer to Appropriations
 Place on Consent Calendar
 Other Actions: Reconsider _____

Motion Made By Rep. Devlin Seconded By Rep. Damschen

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Weisz			Rep. P. Anderson		
Vice Chairman Rohr			Rep. Schneider		
Rep. B. Anderson					
Rep. D. Anderson					
Rep. Damschen					
Rep. Devlin					
Rep. Kiefert					
Rep. McWilliams					
Rep. Porter					
Rep. Seibel					
Rep. Skroch					
Rep. Westlind					

Vote on amendment

Total (Yes) _____ No _____
 Absent _____
 Floor Assignment _____

Carried

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

Date: 1-25-17
 Roll Call Vote #: 2

2017 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
ROLL CALL VOTES
 BILL/RESOLUTION NO. RES. 3007

House Human Services Committee

Subcommittee

Amendment LC# or Description: _____

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 Place on Consent Calendar
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Motion Made By Rep. McWilliams Seconded By Rep. P. Anderson

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Weisz	✓		Rep. P. Anderson	✓	
Vice Chairman Rohr	ab.		Rep. Schneider	✓	
Rep. B. Anderson		✓			
Rep. D. Anderson	ab.				
Rep. Damschen	✓				
Rep. Devlin	✓				
Rep. Kiefert	✓				
Rep. McWilliams	✓				
Rep. Porter	✓				
Rep. Seibel	✓				
Rep. Skroch		✓			
Rep. Westlind		✓			

Total (Yes) 9 No 3

Absent 2

Floor Assignment Rep. Schneider

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HCR 3007: Human Services Committee (Rep. Weisz, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (9 YEAS, 3 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3007 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

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2017 TESTIMONY

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Rep. Marvin E. Nelson

1/23/2017

House Human Services Committee

HCR3007 is a study of the legalization of marijuana or cannabis. I have a proposed amendment to add the words decriminalization and taxation to the bill to help understand that the meaning is not a narrow, full legalization or nothing.

I believe now is a good time to study the issue. First is because this issue is likely coming before us as the legislature or before the public on the ballot, and we need good factual information. I can read on the internet where since the legalization in Colorado traffic accidents are up and since legalization traffic accidents are down. I don't know which is correct. We need good information.

In addition, there are now a lot of places with experience so we have good sources available to us. To give you an idea:

Marijuana Legalization (8): Colorado, Washington, Oregon, Alaska, California, Maine, Massachusetts, Nevada (also Washington, DC)

Marijuana Decriminalization (13): Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Maryland, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri*, Nebraska, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Rhode Island, Vermont

Medical Marijuana Legalization (29): Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Hawaii, Illinois, Louisiana*, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota*, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York*, North Dakota, Ohio*, Oregon, Pennsylvania*, Rhode Island, Vermont, Washington (also, Washington, DC)

* no smoking allowed

Medical Marijuana Legalization - CBD Oil Only (16): Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming.

Hemp Legalization (29): California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Nevada, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Washington.

Cities That Have Legalized Marijuana (5): Breckenridge, CO; Denver, CO; Portland, ME; South Portland, ME; Washington, DC

Cities That Have Decriminalized Marijuana (35): Ann Arbor, Berkley, Detroit, East Lansing, Ferndale, Flint, Grand Rapids, Huntington Woods, Lansing, Jackson, Keego

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Harbor, Mount Pleasant, Pleasant Ridge, Portage, Port Huron, **Saginaw**, MI; Berkeley, CA; Chicago, IL; Columbia, MO; Miami, FL; **Milwaukee, WI**; Monona, WI; New Orleans, LA; **New York, NY**; **Orlando, FL**; **Philadelphia, PA**; **Pittsburgh, PA**; Santa Fe, NM; **Tampa, FL**; Bellaire, Logan, Newark, Roseville, **Toledo, OH**; **Wichita, KS**.

Cities That Have Made Marijuana Arrests the Lowest Depriority (12): Eureka Springs, AR; **Fayetteville, AR**; Hailey, ID; Kalamazoo, MI; Oakland, CA; **San Francisco, CA**; Santa Barbara, CA; Santa Cruz, CA; Santa Monica, CA; Seattle, WA; Tacoma, WA; Tampa, FL; West Hollywood, CA

And realize that in each category, there are variances.

This is not a bill that could not pass being changed into a study, this is neither a promotion nor an attack against legalization. Let's study the issue and let the facts govern our decisions.

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