



Coalition for Responsible Cannabis Legislation

To: Honorable Governor Bill Walker

From: Bruce Schulte, CRCL

Date: April 13, 2015

Re: Support for HB 123

Governor Walker;

I wish to express our coalitions' full support for HB123 – Bill to create a dedicated marijuana control board.

It has always been the position of CRCL that the most effective way to implement Ballot Measure 2 would be through a dedicated marijuana control board which would be able to focus on the details of marijuana regulation in Alaska unencumbered by the task of simultaneously regulating alcohol.

By sharing resources with the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, House Bill 123 strikes an appropriate balance between budget and mission while getting a board established in time to meet the 9-month timeframe established by the voter initiative (which began February 24).

Funding for such a board may well be viewed as an investment in this new, regulated industry. Once regulations are completed and permits issued, we expect revenue from a legitimate marijuana industry to easily cover the administrative expenses of the control board.

We applaud the administration and the legislature for their efforts to faithfully execute this voter initiative and we look forward to contributing all that we can to the rulemaking process.

Regards,

Bruce Schulte, CRCL