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Explanation of Changes - SSHJR 21

“Urging the federal government to respect the authority of the state to regulate marijuana use, production, and distribution and to honor previous federal guidance on marijuana policy, and urging the federal government to reconsider its listing of marijuana as a schedule I controlled substance.”

Version A to version D – All page and line references are to version D

- Page 1, line 1-3: Identifying the authority of the state to regulate marijuana as well as the recognition of previous federal governments guidance on policy.
- Page 1, line 3,4: adding a request for the federal government to reconsider marijuana’s substance classification.
- Page 2, line 1-12: Additional ‘WHEREAS’ that sites the requests of the Cole memo and describes how the state of Alaska has aligned its policy and enforcement to respect the guidelines of the federal government as requested by the United States Department of Justice on August 29, 2013.
- Page 2, line 13-15: Altered ‘WHEREAS’ that no longer references the Cole Memo as did in version A.
- Page 2, line 16-20: Additional ‘WHEREAS’ that references the American Medical Association and its stance on marijuana and its classification, clinical research, and health-based strategies.
- Page 2, line 21-27: Additional ‘WHEREAS’ that references a letter to Attorney Jeff Sessions from Alaska Attorney General Jahna Lindemuth.
- Page 2, line 28-31: Additional ‘WHEREAS’ that references a letter from the Alaska Attorney General and Attorney Generals from 18 other states to the United States Congress.
- Page 3, line 1-24: Four additional ‘WHEREAS’ that further support the state of Alaska’s stance on its ability and compliance to self-regulate the recreational use of marijuana. This is outlined in support letters from Governor Bill Walker, United States Senator Lisa Murkowski and United States Representative Don Young.
- Page 3, line 22-24: Additional ‘WHEREAS’ that declares Jeff Sessions Memorandum a conflict to federal priorities.

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- Page 3, line 25-29: This 'BE IT RESOLVED' no longer references the Cole Memo or FIN-2014-G001 Memo in its argument.
- Page 3, line 30,31: Addition of a 'FURTHER RESOLVED' illustrating the rescheduling of marijuana.

All page and line references are to version A

- Page 1, line 14-16: Deletion of this 'WHEREAS' as it references the Cole Memo which has been rescinded via the Attorney Jeff Sessions Memo.
- Page 2, line 1-19: Deletion of this 'WHEREAS' as it references the Cole Memo which has been rescinded via the Attorney Jeff Sessions Memo.
- Page 2, line 20,21: Deletes "delineated in the Cole Memo;" as it references the Cole Memo which has been rescinded via the Attorney Jeff Sessions Memo.
- Page 2, line 22-24: Deletion of this 'WHEREAS' as it references the Cole Memo which has been rescinded via the Attorney Jeff Sessions Memo.