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AGENDA

Cannabis Hospitality Task Force – Meeting #4

Wednesday, August 28, 2024

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Time	Topic	
1:00 – 1:05 p.m.	Welcome, Meeting 3 Overview, Meeting 4 Preview	OCP Director John Hudak
1:05 – 1:35 p.m.	Discussion: Cannabis Hospitality Lounges in Las Vegas	Scot Rutledge, Founder, RESET
1:35 – 2:20 p.m.	Discussion: Highway Safety	Scot Mattox, Maine BHS
2:20 – 2:35 p.m.	Break	
2:35 – 3:10 p.m.	Discussion: Employee Training	Jiffy Kelley- Young, City of Portland
3:10 – 3:35 p.m.	Discussion: Insurance Coverage Issues	All members
3:35 – 4:00 p.m.	Task Force Recap & Next Steps	OCP Director John Hudak
4:00 p.m.	Adjourn	

Cannabis Hospitality Task Force – Requested Materials

Relevant materials requested by members of the Cannabis Hospitality Task Force in advance of Meeting #4 are provided below for reference.

Other States' Policies Related to Smoking, Vaping, and Ventilation

Alaska

- Alaska's Smokefree Workplace Act specifically excludes licensed and freestanding cannabis establishments: [AS 18.35.301](#)
 - See **Page 5**
- While state law provides an exemption, individual municipalities can still implement their own restrictions on indoor cannabis consumption.
 - In Anchorage, there is no onsite indoor consumption allowed due to the local ordinance.
 - In Juneau, consumption is allowed only outdoors.

California

- Operators must obtain a retail license with a consumption lounge designation and must obtain both a state and a local license.
- A detailed example of local requirements in San Francisco, which has operating consumption lounges, is available here: https://www.sfdph.org/dph/files/EHSdocs/Cannabis/Cannabis_Consumption_Rules.pdf
 - **Page 8:** SEC. 12. Designated Cannabis Smoking Room Ventilation Proposal
 - **Page 9:** SEC. 13. Required Standards for the Designated Cannabis Smoking Room
 - **Page 10:** SEC. 14. Operations and Maintenance
 - **Page 11:** SEC. 15. Failure or Malfunction of the Designated Cannabis Smoking Room Ventilation System

Connecticut

- Connecticut does not have consumption lounges but did provide a report for the legislature with recommendations in December 2022: <https://portal.ct.gov/cannabis/-/media/cannabis-archive/reports/dcp-onsite-consumption-recommendations.pdf>
 - **Page 5:** Connecticut Law on Smoking

Colorado

- HB 19-1230 adopted Hospitality Establishments and specifically exempted them from the state Clean Indoor Air Act if authorized by local ordinance: https://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/2019a_1230_signed.pdf
 - **Page 32:** 25-14-205. Exceptions to smoking restrictions.

Nevada

- Rules: https://ccb.nv.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Reg-15_v081623.pdf
 - **Page 5:** 15.050 Separate room for cannabis smoking, vaping, and inhalation.
 - **Page 6:** 15.055 Ventilation of the cannabis consumption lounge.

Cannabis Hospitality Task Force – Membership

Expert on Cannabis Policy

- Sam Tracy

Experts on Cannabis Culinary Arts

- David Ferragamo, Private Chef
- Pablo Barajas, Litty Bittys

Representing the Interests of Adult Use Cannabis Consumers

- Rose Mahoney
- Steve Rusnack, Full Bloom Cannabis

Representing the Interests of Municipal Governments

- Chris Beaumont, City of Portland
- Jon Rioux, Town of Windham

Representing the Interests of Adult Use Cannabis Licensees

- Natasha Johnson, Meristem
- Richelle Brossi, Highbrow

Representing the Interests of the Hospitality Industry

- Julie Cutting-Kelley, Emerald Elevation/Cure Restaurant
- Nate Cloutier, HospitalityMaine

Representing Public Health

- Anne Sedlack, Maine Medical Association
- Jamie Comstock, Bangor Public Health
- Jennifer Kelley-Young, City of Portland – Division of Public Health

Supporter of the 2016 Cannabis Legalization Ballot Measure

- Heather Sullivan, Curaleaf

Cannabis Hospitality Task Force – Ex Officio Agency Representatives

Lauren Stewart, Maine Bureau of Highway Safety

Scot Mattox, Maine Bureau of Highway Safety

Lexi Perry, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention

Ben Metcalf, Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Lisa Silva, Health Inspection Program

Cannabis Hospitality Task Force – Legislative Charge

Statutory language from pages 81 and 82 of [P.L. 2023, ch. 679](#) provided below for reference.

PART D

Sec. D-1. Cannabis hospitality task force. The Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Cannabis Policy shall convene a task force to review how other states regulate cannabis hospitality establishments and draft recommendations for a bill to regulate cannabis hospitality establishments in this State. The task force shall consider, at a minimum:

1. Whether the office should issue a single type of cannabis hospitality establishment license or various license types for different business models;
2. How different methods of consumption are to be regulated;
3. What other products or services, including food or entertainment, may be offered at cannabis hospitality establishments;
4. Training for cannabis hospitality establishment employees; and
5. Local control, including whether municipalities need to opt in or opt out of allowing cannabis hospitality establishments and how municipalities may or may not regulate an establishment.

The office shall appoint members to the task force that include a supporter of the 2016 cannabis legalization ballot measure; an expert on cannabis policy; an expert on cannabis culinary arts; an individual representing the interests of adult use cannabis consumers; an individual representing the interests of municipal governments; an individual representing the interests of adult use cannabis licensees; an individual representing the interests of the hospitality industry; an individual representing public health; and any other stakeholder the office determines necessary.

No later than February 1, 2025, the office shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over cannabis matters that includes the task force's findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation. The committee may report out legislation to any regular or special session of the 132nd Legislature based upon the task force's recommendations.