



## **ASSEMBLY FLOOR ALERT**

### **AB 1448 (Wallis): Cannabis – enforcement by local jurisdictions As Amended August 14, 2023 – SUPPORT**

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On behalf of the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), the California State Association of Counties (CSAC), and the League of California Cities (Cal Cities), we support Assembly Bill 1448 (Wallis), which enhances local enforcement mechanisms against unlicensed cannabis activities.

Local law enforcement agencies and code enforcement struggle to effectively deter illicit cannabis operators who sidestep regulations and undermine the health and safety of residents and our regulated cannabis businesses. Enhanced tools at the local level are needed to combat this highly lucrative and harmful unlawful activity.

AB 1448 incentivizes local jurisdictions to use the statutory penalties for unlicensed cannabis activities by revising Business and Professions Code 26038 to allow a 50/50 state-local split of the statutory penalties recovered in actions brought by local jurisdictions, as originally enacted by the Legislature in the Medical Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MCRSA). Revenues from these actions will provide a much-needed source of funds to adequately cover the costs of enforcement actions and reinvest in illicit cannabis enforcement. This measure would potentially be a revenue generator for the State by incentive local jurisdictions to utilize Business & Professions 26038 framework.

Local jurisdictions are a critical partner to successfully regulate the commercial cannabis marketplace. AB 1448 will bolster safe access to the cannabis market by targeting enforcement against unlawful operators that undermine the legal marketplace and undercut local economies.

For these reasons, we are pleased to support AB 1448 and urge your “Aye” vote. If you should have any questions, please contact Sarah Dukett (RCRC) at [sdukett@rcrcnet.org](mailto:sdukett@rcrcnet.org), Ada Waelder (CSAC) at [awaelder@counties.org](mailto:awaelder@counties.org), or Jolena Voorhis (Cal Cities) at [Jvoorhis@calcities.org](mailto:Jvoorhis@calcities.org).

## **Vote YES on AB 1448**

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