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Marijuana Alert Update on Hearing to Legalize



Only two witnesses were allowed to testify at the joint hearing yesterday. Barbara Brohl, executive director of Colorado's Department of Revenue, told the panel the Colorado recreational marijuana program brought in nearly **\$200 million in new taxes last year on sales of over \$1 Billion.**

Barbara also told Legislators about the problems of allowing residents to grow marijuana in their homes. **HB 2353 and SB 316 would allow residents to grow 6 plants.**

DNA info reported:

Colorado lawmakers are introducing measures to combat the state's newfound "gray market," or ***marijuana that is grown legally but distributed illegally***, Brohl said.

... The lawmakers were met with a crowd, including suburban police and other Illinoisans, mostly against legalizing marijuana.

One opponent of the measure is Judy Kreamer of Naperville, who said she has a friend with a son in rehab after ingesting marijuana edibles. "Primarily, I'm worried about children and what will happen to them," Kreamer said. [Read more](#)

Supporters concede they do not have the votes in the General Assembly to legalize marijuana right now. That's why there likely won't be a vote on the issue in Springfield until next year at the earliest, ***Fox 32 in Chicago*** reported.

The ***Belleville News-Democrat*** recently surveyed state representatives and senators from the metro-east, asking where they stand on the issue. Only three Senators replied.

What is the Governor's position?

Gov. Bruce Rauner has said the idea needs more study, but legislators hope to change his mind.

"I think recreational marijuana is a very, very difficult subject," Rauner said during an appearance in Rock Island earlier this month, saying Illinois should look at the impact that legalizing marijuana has had on the states that have already decriminalized the drug. "I am not in support of Illinois going there until we study the ramifications of what's happening in other states," Rauner said, according to WQAD-TV. [Read more](#)

FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

1. Call, e-mail, or visit your State Senator and Representative in their District Office to let them know you are opposed to the legalization of marijuana and ask them their position.
2. Contact Gov. Rauner to let him know you are Opposed to the legalization of marijuana. Encourage the governor to oppose the legalization to safeguarded the public. **Call 217-782-6830 or 312-814-2121.**
3. Share this information with your faith community and ask them to CALL.
4. Forward to 10 others.

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