

**SB 5476 - S AMD 873**  
By Senator Padden

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 **"Sec. 1.** RCW 69.50.4013 and 2017 c 317 s 15 are each amended to  
4 read as follows:

5 (1) It is unlawful for any person to knowingly possess a  
6 controlled substance unless the substance was obtained directly from,  
7 or pursuant to, a valid prescription or order of a practitioner while  
8 acting in the course of his or her professional practice, or except  
9 as otherwise authorized by this chapter.

10 (2) Except as provided in RCW 69.50.4014, any person who violates  
11 this section is guilty of a class C felony punishable under chapter  
12 9A.20 RCW.

13 (3)(a) The possession, by a person twenty-one years of age or  
14 older, of useable marijuana, marijuana concentrates, or marijuana-  
15 infused products in amounts that do not exceed those set forth in RCW  
16 69.50.360(3) is not a violation of this section, this chapter, or any  
17 other provision of Washington state law.

18 (b) The possession of marijuana, useable marijuana, marijuana  
19 concentrates, and marijuana-infused products being physically  
20 transported or delivered within the state, in amounts not exceeding  
21 those that may be established under RCW 69.50.385(3), by a licensed  
22 employee of a common carrier when performing the duties authorized in  
23 accordance with RCW 69.50.382 and 69.50.385, is not a violation of  
24 this section, this chapter, or any other provision of Washington  
25 state law.

26 (4)(a) The delivery by a person twenty-one years of age or older  
27 to one or more persons twenty-one years of age or older, during a  
28 single twenty-four hour period, for noncommercial purposes and not  
29 conditioned upon or done in connection with the provision or receipt  
30 of financial consideration, of any of the following marijuana  
31 products, is not a violation of this section, this chapter, or any  
32 other provisions of Washington state law:

- 1 (i) One-half ounce of useable marijuana;  
2 (ii) Eight ounces of marijuana-infused product in solid form;  
3 (iii) Thirty-six ounces of marijuana-infused product in liquid  
4 form; or  
5 (iv) Three and one-half grams of marijuana concentrates.

6 (b) The act of delivering marijuana or a marijuana product as  
7 authorized under this subsection (4) must meet one of the following  
8 requirements:

9 (i) The delivery must be done in a location outside of the view  
10 of general public and in a nonpublic place; or

11 (ii) The marijuana or marijuana product must be in the original  
12 packaging as purchased from the marijuana retailer.

13 (5) No person under twenty-one years of age may possess,  
14 manufacture, sell, or distribute marijuana, marijuana-infused  
15 products, or marijuana concentrates, regardless of THC concentration.  
16 This does not include qualifying patients with a valid authorization.

17 (6) The possession by a qualifying patient or designated provider  
18 of marijuana concentrates, useable marijuana, marijuana-infused  
19 products, or plants in accordance with chapter 69.51A RCW is not a  
20 violation of this section, this chapter, or any other provision of  
21 Washington state law.

22 **Sec. 2.** RCW 69.50.445 and 2015 2nd sp.s. c 4 s 401 are each  
23 amended to read as follows:

24 (1) It is unlawful to open a package containing marijuana,  
25 useable marijuana, marijuana-infused products, or marijuana  
26 concentrates, or consume marijuana, useable marijuana, marijuana-  
27 infused products, or marijuana concentrates, in view of the general  
28 public or in a public place.

29 (2) It is unlawful to open a package containing a counterfeit or  
30 controlled substance or consume a counterfeit or controlled substance  
31 in view of the general public or in a public place.

32 (3) For the purposes of this section, "public place" has the same  
33 meaning as defined in RCW 66.04.010, but the exclusions in RCW  
34 66.04.011 do not apply.

35 (~~(3)~~) (4)(a) A person who violates subsection (1) of this  
36 section is guilty of a class 3 civil infraction under chapter 7.80  
37 RCW.

1 (b) A person who violates subsection (2) of this section is  
2 guilty of a class 1 civil infraction under chapter 7.80 RCW and  
3 subject to a maximum penalty of \$250.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1)(a) A legislative work group on  
5 possession of controlled substances is established, with members as  
6 provided in this subsection.

7 (i) The president of the senate shall appoint one member from  
8 each of the two largest caucuses of the senate.

9 (ii) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint  
10 one member from each of the two largest caucuses of the house of  
11 representatives.

12 (iii) The president of the senate and the speaker of the house of  
13 representatives jointly shall appoint:

14 (A) One superior court judge;

15 (B) One drug court judge;

16 (C) One member representing a criminal defender association;

17 (D) One member representing a prosecutor association;

18 (E) One member representing law enforcement;

19 (F) One member representing cities; and

20 (G) One member representing counties.

21 (iv) Each legislative member shall appoint one community  
22 representative for a total of four community representatives.

23 (b) The work group shall choose its chair from among its  
24 legislative membership. The senior member of the largest caucus in  
25 the senate shall convene the initial meeting of the work group.

26 (2) The work group shall hold a series of public meetings to  
27 study the impact of *State v. Blake*, No. 96873-0, 2021 Wash. LEXIS 107  
28 (February 25, 2021).

29 (3) Staff support for the work group must be provided by the  
30 senate committee services and the house of representatives office of  
31 program research.

32 (4) Legislative members of the work group are reimbursed for  
33 travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative  
34 members are not entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses if they  
35 are elected officials or are participating on behalf of an employer,  
36 governmental entity, or other organization. Any reimbursement for  
37 other nonlegislative members is subject to chapter 43.03 RCW.

38 (5) The expenses of the work group must be paid jointly by the  
39 senate and the house of representatives. Work group expenditures are

1 subject to approval by the senate facilities and operations committee  
2 and the house of representatives executive rules committee, or their  
3 successor committees.

4 (6) The work group shall report its findings and recommendations  
5 to the appropriate committees of the legislature by June 30, 2022.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act expires June 30, 2023.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
8 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of  
9 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes  
10 effect immediately."

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11 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "decision;" strike the  
12 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 69.50.4013 and  
13 69.50.445; creating a new section; prescribing penalties; providing  
14 an expiration date; and declaring an emergency."

EFFECT: Removes references to "personal use amounts." Makes  
changes to referral and diversion procedures. Makes local use of  
navigators optional. Changes infraction to class 1 infraction.

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