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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE CREATION OF THE INSTITUTE OF CANNABIS**
102 **RESEARCH AT COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY - PUEBLO.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill creates the institute of cannabis research (institute) at Colorado state university - Pueblo. The role and mission of the institute is to conduct research related to cannabis and publicly disseminate the results of the research. The bill creates the institute of cannabis research governing board (governing board), which will oversee the institute. The bill creates a process to relocate the institute if Colorado state

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university - Pueblo wants to stop hosting the institute or if the governing board believes that the institute should be relocated.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 23-31.5-112
3 as follows:

4 **23-31.5-112. Institute of cannabis research - governing board**
5 **- powers relating to the receipt and use of certain tax revenues -**
6 **definitions.** (1) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT
7 OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

8 (a) "GOVERNING BOARD" MEANS THE INSTITUTE OF CANNABIS
9 RESEARCH GOVERNING BOARD CREATED IN SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS
10 SECTION.

11 (b) "HOST INSTITUTION" MEANS THE NOT-FOR-PROFIT RESEARCH
12 ENTITY OR INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION WHERE THE INSTITUTE OF
13 CANNABIS RESEARCH IS BASED.

14 (c) "INSTITUTE" MEANS THE INSTITUTE OF CANNABIS RESEARCH
15 CREATED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION.

16 (d) "INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION" OR "INSTITUTION" HAS
17 THE SAME MEANING AS IN SECTION 23-3.1-102 (5).

18 (2) (a) THERE IS CREATED THE INSTITUTE OF CANNABIS RESEARCH,
19 TO BE HOUSED AT COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY - PUEBLO, UNLESS A
20 RELOCATION OCCURS PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (7) OF THIS SECTION.

21 (b) THE ROLE AND MISSION OF THE INSTITUTE IS TO CONDUCT
22 RESEARCH RELATED TO CANNABIS, INCLUDING CLINICAL RESEARCH,
23 BIOTECHNOLOGIES, CLINICAL STUDIES, THE EFFICACIES OF MEDICAL
24 MARIJUANA, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATED WITH CANNABIS
25 IN COLORADO, AND TO PUBLICLY DISSEMINATE THE RESULTS OF THE

1 RESEARCH.

2 (3) (a) THERE IS CREATED THE INSTITUTE OF CANNABIS RESEARCH
3 GOVERNING BOARD. THE GOVERNING BOARD CONSISTS OF:

4 (I) THE CHANCELLOR OF THE COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
5 SYSTEM OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE;

6 (II) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COLORADO COMMISSION ON
7 HIGHER EDUCATION OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE;

8 (III) THE FOLLOWING SEVEN MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE
9 GOVERNOR, WITH THE CONSENT OF THE SENATE:

10 (A) THREE SCIENTISTS FROM RELEVANT FIELDS WHO HAVE BEEN
11 EMPLOYED AT APPROPRIATE RESEARCH-ORIENTED INSTITUTIONS OR
12 ENTITIES WHO SUPPORT THE MISSION OF THE INSTITUTE; AND

13 (B) FOUR MEMBERS ASSOCIATED WITH CANNABIS-RELATED
14 INDUSTRIES WITHIN COLORADO.

15 (b) THE GOVERNOR SHALL NAME THE CHAIR OF THE GOVERNING
16 BOARD, WITH THE CONSENT OF THE SENATE.

17 (c) THE GOVERNING BOARD SHALL OVERSEE AND GUIDE THE ROLE
18 AND MISSION OF THE INSTITUTE. THE GOVERNING BOARD SHALL DIRECT
19 THE SPENDING OF THE MONEY RECEIVED BY THE INSTITUTE PURSUANT TO
20 SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION.

21 (d) THE GOVERNING BOARD SHALL ADVISE ANY COLORADO
22 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT SEEKS TO DEVELOP A
23 CANNABIS-SPECIFIC CURRICULUM. THE COLORADO COMMISSION ON
24 HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL SEEK INPUT FROM THE GOVERNING BOARD
25 BEFORE APPROVING ANY CANNABIS-RELATED DEGREES OR CERTIFICATION.

26 (4) (a) The general assembly may allocate revenues from the
27 marijuana tax cash fund created in section 39-28.8-501 ~~C.R.S.~~, to the

1 ~~board of governors of the Colorado state university system. The board of~~
2 ~~governors of the Colorado state university system may use such revenues~~
3 ~~for education and research programs at Colorado state university -Pueblo,~~
4 ~~including but not limited to the scientific and social science research of~~
5 ~~marijuana and other matters that impact the state and its regions. While~~
6 ~~conducting the marijuana research, Colorado state university -Pueblo is~~
7 ~~encouraged to consult with the scientific advisory council established~~
8 ~~pursuant to section 25-1.5-106.5 (3)(a)(I), C.R.S., and the retail marijuana~~
9 ~~public health advisory council established pursuant to section 25-1.5-110,~~
10 ~~C.R.S.~~ SUPPORT THE INSTITUTE. THE INSTITUTE MAY SPEND THE MONEY
11 RECEIVED FROM THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR INSTITUTE PERSONNEL, TO
12 CONDUCT RESEARCH, TO PRODUCE AN ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM, AND FOR
13 ROUTINE FACILITY AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS CONSISTENT WITH
14 FEDERAL STANDARDS.

15 (b) THE INSTITUTE MAY SEEK, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND GIFTS,
16 GRANTS, OR DONATIONS FROM PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SOURCES FOR THE
17 PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION. THE INSTITUTE MAY ACCEPT AND EXPEND
18 OTHER REVENUE GENERATED BY THE INSTITUTE, INCLUDING ANY FEES OR
19 INTEREST EARNED ON THE MONEY AND REVENUE GENERATED FROM THE
20 SALE OR LICENSE OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AS APPROVED BY THE
21 GOVERNING BOARD. THE GOVERNING BOARD MAY SOLICIT, ACCEPT,
22 EXPEND, AND DISBURSE ALL MONEY COLLECTED FOR THE INSTITUTE FROM
23 THE SOURCES SPECIFIED IN THIS SUBSECTION (4)(b) FOR THE PURPOSES OF
24 CONDUCTING RESEARCH RELATED TO CANNABIS AND TO DISSEMINATING
25 THE RESULTS OF SUCH RESEARCH PUBLICLY, CONSISTENT WITH THE ROLE
26 AND MISSION OF THE INSTITUTE. SUCH MONEY MAY BE EXPENDED FOR THE
27 PURPOSE OF FUNDING ACTIVITIES INITIATED DURING ANY STATE FISCAL

1 YEAR THAT ARE TO BE COMPLETED IN SUBSEQUENT STATE FISCAL YEARS
2 AND REPORTED ANNUALLY TO THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE.

3 (c) THE GOVERNING BOARD SHALL APPROVE THE INSTITUTE'S
4 ANNUAL BUDGET.

5 (d) THE GOVERNING BOARD, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE
6 INSTITUTE'S DIRECTOR:

7 (I) MUST FUND RESEARCH THROUGH AN OPEN, COMPETITIVE
8 PROCESS USING NATIONAL BEST PRACTICES; AND

9 (II) MAY AWARD RESEARCH FUNDS TO:

10 (A) ANY NOT-FOR-PROFIT COLORADO-BASED RESEARCH ENTITY;

11 OR

12 (B) ANY COLORADO INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND ANY
13 RESEARCH ENTITY ASSOCIATED WITH SUCH INSTITUTION.

14 (e) AN ENTITY OR INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT
15 RECEIVES RESEARCH FUNDING FROM THE INSTITUTE SHALL PRESENT ITS
16 RESEARCH RESULTS AT THE INSTITUTE'S ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM IN THE YEAR
17 AFTER THE RESEARCH IS CONCLUDED AND SHALL SUBMIT ANY REPORTS
18 REQUIRED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD.

19 (5) (a) THERE IS A DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE. THE DIRECTOR IS
20 AN EMPLOYEE OF THE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT SERVES
21 AS THE HOST INSTITUTION. THE GOVERNING BOARD IS THE SEARCH
22 COMMITTEE TO THE HOST INSTITUTION'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WHO
23 IS THE HIRING AUTHORITY. THE GOVERNING BOARD SHALL PROVIDE
24 FEEDBACK TO THE HIRING AUTHORITY FOR USE IN THE ANNUAL
25 EVALUATION OF THE DIRECTOR.

26 (b) THE DIRECTOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE MANAGEMENT OF
27 THE INSTITUTE'S BUDGET AND OVERSIGHT OF ITS EMPLOYEES,

1 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESEARCH FUNDING PROCESS, AND DELIVERY OF
2 THE SYMPOSIUM.

3 (6) (a) THE INSTITUTE DIRECTOR SHALL ANNUALLY PRODUCE A
4 REPORT FOR THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE AND THE EDUCATION
5 COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE, OR
6 ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, THAT INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING
7 INFORMATION:

8 (I) A DESCRIPTION OF THE RESEARCH FUNDED THROUGH THE
9 INSTITUTE IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR; AND

10 (II) AN ACCOUNTING OF THE INSTITUTE'S SPENDING FOR THE
11 PREVIOUS YEAR.

12 (b) THE GOVERNING BOARD SHALL SUBMIT THE ANNUAL REPORT
13 TO THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE AND THE EDUCATION COMMITTEES OF
14 THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE, OR ANY SUCCESSOR
15 COMMITTEES, AND SHALL COMMENT ON THE ANNUAL REPORT TO ADVISE
16 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE EFFICACY OF THE INSTITUTE RELATED TO
17 ITS ROLE AND MISSION.

18 (c) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 24-1-136
19 (11)(a)(I), THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION
20 (6) CONTINUE INDEFINITELY.

21 (7) (a) THE INSTITUTE'S HOST INSTITUTION MAY OPT OUT OF THE
22 MANAGEMENT OF THE INSTITUTE BY:

23 (I) PROVIDING AT LEAST ONE FISCAL YEAR'S NOTICE TO THE
24 GOVERNING BOARD, JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE, AND THE EDUCATION
25 COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE, OR
26 ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES; AND

27 (II) SUPPORTING THE INSTITUTE DURING THE TRANSITION YEAR,

1 DURING WHICH TIME THE GOVERNING BOARD SHALL CONDUCT AN OPEN
2 SEARCH FOR A COLORADO NOT-FOR-PROFIT RESEARCH ENTITY OR
3 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION WISHING TO HOST THE INSTITUTE.

4 (b) THE GOVERNING BOARD SHALL NOTIFY THE JOINT BUDGET
5 COMMITTEE AND THE EDUCATION COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF
6 REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE, OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, IF
7 IT DETERMINES THAT THE HOST INSTITUTION SHOULD BE RELOCATED. IF
8 THE HOST INSTITUTION IS TO BE RELOCATED, THE GOVERNING BOARD
9 SHALL CONDUCT A SEARCH USING NATIONAL BEST PRACTICES AND
10 COMPLETE THE TRANSITION IN ONE FISCAL YEAR. THE HOST INSTITUTION
11 SHALL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE INSTITUTE DURING THE TRANSITION. A
12 NEW HOST INSTITUTION MUST HOST THE INSTITUTE FOR AT LEAST FIVE
13 YEARS BEFORE ANY SUBSEQUENT RELOCATION, UNLESS THERE IS GOOD
14 CAUSE TO CHANGE THE HOST INSTITUTION.

15 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-1-104, **amend**
16 (1)(b)(II) as follows:

17 **23-1-104. Financing the system of postsecondary education -**
18 **report.** (1) (b) (II) For the 2010-11 fiscal year and for fiscal years
19 beginning on or after July 1, 2016, the general assembly shall also make
20 annual appropriations of cash funds, other than cash funds received as
21 tuition income or as fees, as a single line item to each governing board for
22 the operation of its campuses. Each governing board shall allocate said
23 cash fund appropriations to the institutions under its control in the manner
24 deemed most appropriate by the governing board; except that, if the
25 general assembly appropriates money pursuant to section 23-31.5-112, ~~to~~
26 ~~the board of governors of the Colorado state university system,~~ that
27 money is not included within the single line item appropriation described

1 in this subparagraph ~~(H)~~ SUBSECTION (1)(b)(II).

2 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
3 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
4 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
5 2, 2019, if adjournment sine die is on May 3, 2019); except that, if a
6 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
7 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
8 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
9 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
10 November 2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
11 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.