



Legislative Audit Committee February 26, 2025 Minutes

The Legislative Audit Committee (LAC) convened a hearing on February 26, 2025, at 8:31 a.m. in the Old State Library, Room 271. Representative William Lindstedt called the meeting to order. Roll was called with the following members present or excused:

Committee Members

Representative Max Brooks, Representative Jarvis Caldwell, Senator Dafna Michaelson Jenet, Senator Rod Pelton, Senator Mike Weissman, Representative Jenny Willford, Senator Lisa Frizell, Representative William Lindstedt

The following Office of the State Auditor (OSA) staff attended:

OSA

Kerri L. Hunter, State Auditor; Michelle Colin, Deputy State Auditor; Marisa Edwards, Deputy State Auditor; Laura Russell

Other Attendees

Department of Revenue

Heidi Humphreys, Executive Director

Department of Revenue, Marijuana Enforcement Division

Dominique Mendiola, Senior Director

Kyle Lambert, Deputy Senior Director

8:31 a.m.

Minutes

Senator Michaelson Jenet made a motion to approve the *February 12, 2025, LAC hearing minutes*. Senator Frizell seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

8:32 a.m.

Department of Revenue, Marijuana Enforcement Division, Performance Audit, July 2023, Status Report

Ms. Colin introduced staff.

Ms. Russell presented an overview of the report, noting that most of the recommendations were implemented, with one partially implemented.

Ms. Humphreys (*Department of Revenue*) introduced self and staff.

Mr. Lambert (*Department of Revenue, Marijuana Enforcement Division*) presented the status report.

Discussion ensued regarding safety and quality of products sold in Colorado, timeline for evaluating contaminated products, role of the Marijuana Enforcement Division's (MED) working group in developing safety and compliance measures, coordination with the Attorney General's Office utilizing the consumer protection authority, and factors that could limit the Division's enforcement actions.

8:51 a.m.

Audit Request of the Department of Revenue's Marijuana Enforcement Division Related to its Enforcement of Consumer Protection Standards

Auditor Hunter presented an overview of the *Audit Request of the Department of Revenue's Marijuana Enforcement Division Related to its Enforcement of Consumer Protection Standards*.

Discussion ensued regarding whether the request was duplicative work for the Office of the State Auditor.

Senator Pelton made a motion to approve preliminary research time on the *Audit Request of the Department of Revenue's Marijuana Enforcement Division Related to its Enforcement of Consumer Protection Standards Audit Request*. Senator Frizell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed 5 - 3. The results were as follows:

Representative Brooks – Yes

Representative Caldwell – Yes

Senator Michaelson Jenet – Yes

Senator Pelton – Yes

Senator Weissman – No

Representative Willford – No

Senator Frizell – Yes

Representative Lindstedt - No

8:54 a.m.

Audit Request of Cell Phone Usage and Costs within Colorado State Agencies

Auditor Hunter presented an overview of the *Audit Request of Cell Phone Usage and Costs within Colorado State Agencies*.

Senator Frizell made a motion to approve preliminary research time on the *Audit Request of Cell Phone Usage and Costs within Colorado State Agencies*. Senator Pelton seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

8:55 a.m.

Audit Request of the Colorado Bureau of Investigation's (CBI) Forensic Services Section at the Colorado Department of Public Safety

Auditor Hunter presented an overview of the *Audit Request of the Colorado Bureau of Investigation's (CBI) Forensic Services Section at the Colorado Department of Public Safety*.

Senator Frizell made a motion to approve preliminary research time on the *Audit Request of the Colorado Bureau of Investigation's (CBI) Forensic Services Section at the Colorado Department of Public Safety*. Representative Willford seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

8:56 a.m.

Reports Released Without a Hearing

Senator Frizell made a motion to release the *Reports Released Without a Hearing*. Senator Pelton seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously

Ms. Edwards presented an overview of the reports.

Hearing adjourned at 8:58 a.m.

Minutes submitted by:

Jayne Watson

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