

SB61 Information

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The Cannabis Regulation and Enforcement Fund was intended to cover the administrative expenses of operating the Cannabis program. Funding for the CREF comes before other funds get their split, but funding not spent by MCA goes back to the General Fund. This request is for a non-Cannabis program to get funds from Cannabis tax revenue. However, by funding through the CREF, this request does not take away from Cannabis program funding. Instead, the funding is effectively coming from the General Fund through budgetary sleight of hand. This would have no impact on the Cannabis community

Funding from the Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund would appear to be a better fit. However, the local nature of this fund would complicate statewide funding for this program.

Thank you,
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