

Rec 1: The licensing working group (LWG) reviewed the Agency of Agriculture's proposal for oversight of a T&R system for marijuana. In general we support it. However, the proposal needs to be updated to remove many of the responsibilities assigned to the Department of Public Safety and to assign responsibilities to the Department of Liquor Control. Once updated, the proposal will recommend that the Agency of Agriculture would have primary responsibility for licensing and oversight of cultivation and manufacturing. The Department of Liquor Control would have primary responsibility for licensing and oversight of retail stores.

Rec 2: All decisions about the T&R system should be made with the goal of that encouraging small VT businesses to enter the legal cannabis industry and helping them to succeed within it.

Rec 3: Vertical integration does not promote small businesses and so should not be allowed in the retail cannabis market

Rec 4: Medical marijuana dispensaries should be allowed to remain vertically integrated as far as the medical program is concerned. They should not be allowed to be vertically integrated in regard to the broader retail market.

Rec 5: Recommendations regarding the T&R system should take into consideration possible impact of those recommendations on the medical marijuana program.

Rec 6: Administrative realities should be reviewed in relation to the timing of issuing licenses.

Rec. 7: The program needs to have a mechanism that allows for quick outreach to the licensee community as it is anticipated that requirements will change relatively rapidly. Similarly, there must be mechanisms that will ensure the flow of information from licensees to the licensing agency regarding such issues as employee termination, etc.