



May 14, 2019

To: The Honorable Richard Pan, M.D.
Chair, Senate Budget & Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 3 on Health & Human Services
State Capitol, Room 5114
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: CANNABIS SURVEILLANCE AND EDUCATION MAY REVISION – SUPPORT

The County Health Executives Association of California (CHEAC), representing local health departments throughout our state, is pleased to SUPPORT the Governor's May Revision proposal to provide \$12 million to the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) for cannabis surveillance and education activities.

As California continues to implement a system of legalized adult cannabis use, our state's local health departments have been dedicated to furthering efforts to prevent cannabis use among youth and educate and inform adults of adverse impacts of cannabis use. To measure the impacts on the health of these populations, a statewide infrastructure is needed to monitor the use and associated risks of cannabis.

The Governor's May Revision offers a promising step toward establishing the necessary epidemiological surveillance, data infrastructure, and education activities to inform Californians about the adverse impacts of cannabis use, monitor the impacts of cannabis legalization on California's communities, and develop evidence-informed public health interventions.

It is for these reasons CHEAC supports the Governor's May Revision proposal. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (916) 327-7540.

Sincerely,

As signed by

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