

# Legislative Analysis



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### House Bill 5529 as reported from committee

**Sponsor: Rep. Tyrone Carter**  
**Committee: Regulatory Reform**  
**Complete to 3-13-24**

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### SUMMARY:

House Bill 5529 would amend the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act to allow the Cannabis Regulatory Agency (CRA) to do both of the following:

- Establish and operate a marijuana reference laboratory.
- Collect, transport and possess marijuana for the purpose of testing and conducting research in support of CRA investigations and the development and optimization of testing methods performed through the CRA reference laboratory.

MCL 333.27957

### BRIEF DISCUSSION:

Supporters of the bill argue that the creation of a state reference laboratory would benefit the cannabis industry in Michigan by allowing the CRA to directly test the product. They contend that this will help to cut down on issues such as fraud, potency inflation, and the infiltration of illicit products into Michigan's cannabis market.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 5529 would not have a fiscal impact on the Cannabis Regulatory Agency (housed within the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs) or on any other unit of state or local government. 2023 PA 119 (FY 2023-24 budget) appropriates \$4.4 million from the Marihuana Regulatory Fund for the purpose of establishing and operating a cannabis reference laboratory. This bill would provide the CRA with the statutory authority to operate that reference laboratory, and the CRA is already in the process of procuring materials and drafting plans for the laboratory.

### POSITIONS:

A representative of the Cannabis Regulatory Agency testified in support of the bill.  
(3-5-24)

The following entities indicated support for the bill:

- Common Citizen (3-5-24)
- Michigan Cannabis Industry Association (3-5-24)
- Steadfast Labs (3-12-24)
- Cambium Analytica (3-12-24)

- Therapeutic Health Choice (3-12-24)
- ACT Lab (3-12-24)
- North Coast Testing Labs of Michigan (3-12-24)

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