

Department of Planning and Budget 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** SB 726

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Dunnavant

3. **Committee:** Education and Health

4. **Title:** CBD oil and THC-A oil; certification for use; dispensing.

5. **Summary:** Provides that a practitioner may issue a written certification for the use of cannabidiol oil or THC-A oil for the treatment or to alleviate the symptoms of any diagnosed condition or disease determined by the practitioner to benefit from such use. Under current law, a practitioner may only issue such certification for the treatment or to alleviate the symptoms of intractable epilepsy. This bill is a recommendation of the Joint Commission on Health Care.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** See item 8.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** See item 8.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** The expansion of the use of cannabidiol oil and THC-A oil to include any disease or condition will require registration of an increased number of patients and physicians by the Board of Pharmacy. The current authority is only for patients with intractable epilepsy and neurologists who certify their need for the oil. Fees will be set at a level sufficient to cover the costs of registration.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Health Professions.

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

11. **Other Comments:** HB 1251, introduced by Delegate Cline, is a companion bill.