

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB646

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

2. Patron: Surovell

3. Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

4. Title: Tetrahydrocannabinol concentration; definition.

5. Summary: Clarifies that “tetrahydrocannabinol concentration” means the concentration of delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) determined using post-decarboxylation testing or other equivalent method. The bill states that the testing methodology for post-decarboxylation testing or other equivalent method shall consider the potential conversion of delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol acid (THC-A) into THC, and the test result shall include the total available THC derived from the sum of the THC and THC-A content.

The bill provides that the Department of Forensic Science (DFS) shall determine the proper methods for detecting the concentration of THC in substances, and such testing methodology shall use post-carboxylation testing or other equivalent method and must consider the potential conversion of THC-A into THC. The result of such test shall include the total available THC derived from the sum of the THC and THC-A content.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See below.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill clarifies what is meant in the code as “tetrahydrocannabinol concentration,” using post-decarboxylation testing or other equivalent method that considers the potential conversion of tetrahydrocannabinol acid (THC-A) into delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol (THC). The bill directs the Department of Forensic Science (DFS) to determine the proper methods by which to detect THC in substances, to consider the potential conversion of THC-A into THC with such methods, and to include the total available THC derived from the sum of the THC and THC-A content in test results. According to DFS, there is no anticipated fiscal impact on agency operations as a result of the provisions of this bill.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Forensic Science.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.