



# CANNRA OVERVIEW

Rick Garza, Director, Liquor and Cannabis Board

Washington Traffic Safety Commission Meeting

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# PURPOSE OF CANNRA

Forum *for regulators to work with each other* to:

Identify and develop best practices

Create model policies for public health and safety

Assist and promote regulatory certainty for industry partners.

Ensure that as changes to federal cannabis policy are made, they consider the needs of established markets like ours

Assist federal, state, and local jurisdictions that have or are considering legalization of cannabis.

The intent is to *support policy makers, elected officials, researchers, and other stakeholders.*

Non-political – neutral on legalization

Recently affiliated with Council of State Governments (CSG)



# CANNRA BACKGROUND

CANNRA is not a cannabis advocacy group and takes no formal position for or against legalization, but rather seeks to provide government jurisdictions with unbiased information to help make informed decisions when considering whether or how to legalize or expand regulated cannabis.

CANNRA membership is limited to cannabis regulators and representatives from relevant government agencies. Membership is not available to cannabis industry participants or advocacy organizations.





# CANNRA OFFICERS AND STAFF

## CANNRA Officers:

President: Norman Birenbaum (NY)

First Vice-President: Rick Garza (WA)

Second Vice-President: Andrew Brisbo (MI)

Third Vice-President: Michele Nakata (HI)

Secretary/Treasurer: Tyler Klimas (NV)

## At-large board members:

Steve Marks (OR),

Chris Tholkes (MN),

Andrew Turnage (GA)

CANNRA Staff: Gillian Schauer, PhD, MPH – Senior Advisor



# LIST OF ACTIVE CANNRA SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- Federal Policy
- Social and Economic Equity
- Lab Testing and Product Safety
- Public Health and Data Monitoring
- Public Education
- Packaging, Labeling, and Advertising
- Medical Use and Research
- Cannabinoid Hemp
- Licensing, Inspection, and Compliance
- Banking, Finance, Insurance
- Market Structure and Taxation
- Impaired Driving and Workplace Safety
- Energy and Environmental Policy
- Interstate Coordination



# FEDERAL POLICY AND ENGAGEMENT

## Goals/Mission:

1. Respect for state rights and states independently created intrastate licensing systems. Respect for all state laws regarding cannabis including: recreational or adult use, medical use, and prohibitions.
2. Strong co-governance in the establishment of minimum standards for all cannabis products for human consumption and inhalation including: potency and safety testing, labeling, packaging and traceability.

*A common system of cannabis regulation will support cannabis commerce, preserve state rights, and allow the regulation of indiscernible cannabis products like the current problems with Delta 8 THC.*



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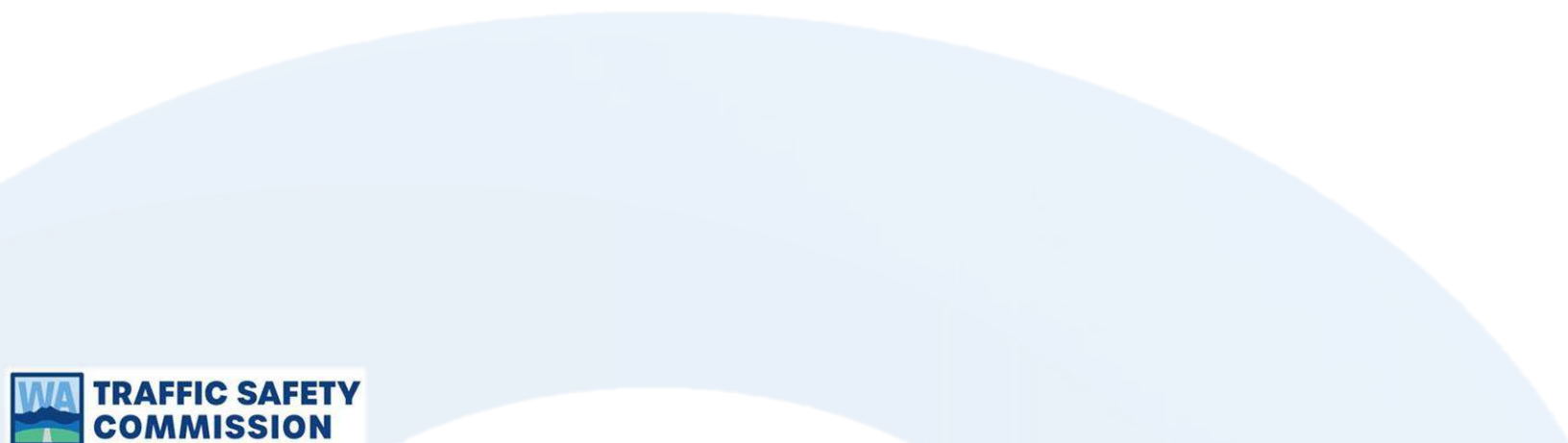
3. Support for legal banking, equity, and tax fairness as a means to assist states with current efforts to support public health and safety by the development of clear standards for legal commerce and fair market entry and treatment.

*Expectation this directionally aligns with the near term work of the U.S. Congress.*





# Questions



# Thank You

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