



House Appropriations Subcommittee on LARA
Marijuana Regulatory Agency:
Social Equity Program

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Program Changes

- Qualifying communities
 - Expanded to 184 municipalities
- Fee reductions
 - Residency – 25% reduction for residency in a qualifying community 5 cumulative years over the past 10 years
 - Marijuana-related conviction – 25% reduction for a misdemeanor, 40% reduction for a felony
 - Caregiver – 10% reduction for registration for at least 2 years between 2008-2017
- Eligibility
 - Applicants qualify for fee reductions regardless of residency
 - Operation in a non-qualifying community expires fee reductions after 2 years

Current Statistics

- Social equity program applicants – 333
- Social equity program qualifying applicants – 201
- Prequalified social equity applicants – 8
- Licensed social equity applicants – 2

Budget Impacts

- Previous population – 1,294,101
- Previous qualifiers – 201
- Non-resident qualifiers – 0
- Total fees waived – \$36,500
- New population – 2,538,428
- New qualifiers (est.) – 602
- Non-resident qualifiers (est.) – 571
- Estimated fees waived (moderate) – \$255,784
- Estimated fees waived (high) – \$5,662,966

Planned Activities

- Regional outreach presentations
- Individual application assistance
- Licensee social equity programs
- Social equity job fair

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