



# Social Equity Plan

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DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED  
COMMUNITIES WORKGROUP BRIEF

# Purpose of Social Equity Plan

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“ In order to be considered for a retail license under subsection (1) of this section, an applicant must be a social equity applicant **and submit a social equity plan** along with other cannabis retailer license application requirements to the board.” Sec 2 (2)(a) E2SHB 2870

# Updates due to ESHB1443

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The department must award grants **primarily based on the strength of the social equity plans** submitted by cannabis license applicants – Sec. 1 (3) ESHB 1443

# Uses of Social Equity Plans

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Legislation allows applications with stronger social equity plans to be prioritized in the board's issuance of licenses. (This implies a scoring system)

“In determining the issuance of the license among applicants, the **board may prioritize applicants** based on the extent to which the application addresses the components of the social equity plan.”

Sec. 2 (3)(a) E2SHB 2870, E2SHB 1443

“Social Equity Plan” means a plan that addresses at least some of these elements outlined in this subsection. Along with any additional plan components or requirements approved by the board following consultation with the task force created in Section 5 of this act.”

- SEC 2 (6) (D) E2SHB 2870

# Elements Listed In Statute- Sec. 2(6)(d)(I) E2SHB2870

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- A Statement that the social equity applicant qualifies as a social equity applicant and intends to own at least fifty-one percent of the proposed marijuana retail business or application or applicants representing at least fifty-one percent of ownership of the proposed business qualify as social equity applicants
- A description of how issuing a cannabis retail license to the social equity applicant will meet social equity goals.
- The social equity applicants personal or family history with the criminal justice system including any offenses involving cannabis
- The composition of the workforce the social equity applicant intends to hire

# Elements continued.

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- Neighborhood characteristics of the location where the social equity applicant intends to operate, focusing especially on disproportionately impacted areas
- Business plans involving partnerships or assistance to organization or residents with connection to populations with a history of high rates of enforcement of cannabis prohibition.

# Do You Agree with These Elements?

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SHOULD WE ADD ANY ELEMENTS TO FURTHER PRIORITIZE?