

WASHINGTON COUNTIES IMPLEMENTATION OF I-502 March 28, 2014

Background: Washington voters approved Initiative 502 in November 2012 setting up a legal system to tax and regulate marijuana for recreational use. Cities and counties were given authority to pass additional zoning regulations. Cities have final authority granting licensing for marijuana businesses, following state approval.

Project: The Center collected data on the **39 counties** in Washington to examine how local governments have handled I-502 implementation legislatively.

Definitions:

ZONED: County council passed legislation zoning areas where marijuana businesses could apply or updated the Municipal Code recognizing recreational marijuana.

MORATORIUM: County council passed legislation putting a hold on accepting marijuana licenses. These bans ranged from 60 days to one year in length.

BANNED: County council passed legislation banning marijuana business until the drug is approved federally or officials have threatened to ban.

NO ACTION: Counties took no legislative action, will treat marijuana businesses like any other business or simply expands medical marijuana laws to recreational.

DATA UNAVAILABLE: Counties have not yet published data discussing their plans for licensing recreational marijuana businesses.

	# of COUNTIES	% of Counties
ZONED	14	36%
MORATORIUM	12	31%
BANNED	2	5%
NO ACTION	9	23%
DATA UNAVAILABLE	2	5%
TOTAL	39	100%

	County	Est. Population	Status
1	King	1,931,249	ZONED
2	Pierce	795,225	BANNED
3	Snohomish	713,335	ZONED
4	Spokane	471,221	ZONED
5	Clark	425,363	MORATORIUM
6	Thurston	252,264	ZONED
7	Kitsap	251,133	ZONED
8	Yakima	243,231	BANNED
9	Whatcom	201,140	ZONED
10	Benton	175,177	ZONED
11	Skagit	116,901	ZONED
12	Cowlitz	102,410	MORATORIUM
13	Grant	89,120	NO ACTION
14	Island	78,506	MORATORIUM
15	Franklin	78,163	MORATORIUM
16	Lewis	75,455	ZONED
17	Grays Harbor	72,797	MORATORIUM
18	Chelan	72,453	ZONED
19	Clallam	71,404	NO ACTION
20	Mason	60,699	ZONED
21	Walla Walla	58,781	MORATORIUM
22	Whitman	44,776	NO DATA
23	Stevens	43,531	MORATORIUM
24	Okanogan	41,120	NO ACTION
25	Kittitas	40,915	ZONED
26	Douglas	38,431	ZONED
27	Jefferson	29,872	NO ACTION
28	Asotin	21,623	MORATORIUM
29	Pacific	20,920	MORATORIUM
30	Klickitat	20,318	ZONED
31	Adams	18,728	NO ACTION
32	San Juan	15,769	NO ACTION
33	Pend Oreille	13,001	NO ACTION
34	Skamania	11,066	MORATORIUM
35	Lincoln	10,570	NO DATA
36	Ferry	7,551	NO ACTION
37	Columbia	4,078	MORATORIUM
38	Wahkiakum	3,978	MORATORIUM
39	Garfield	2,266	NO ACTION