

# Legislative Analysis



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**House Bill 4501 as introduced**  
**Sponsor: Rep. Mike Mueller**  
**Committee: Regulatory Reform**  
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### SUMMARY:

House Bill 4501 would amend the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act to allow the Cannabis Regulatory Agency (CRA) to do both of the following:

- Establish and operate a marijuana reference laboratory.
- Collect, transport and possess marijuana for the purpose of testing and conducting research in support of CRA investigations and the development and optimization of testing methods performed through the CRA reference laboratory.

MCL 333.27957

### BACKGROUND:

The bill is identical to House Bill 5529 of the 2023-24 legislative session as reported from the House Regulatory Reform committee.<sup>1</sup>

### FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 4501 would likely have no fiscal impact on the Cannabis Regulatory Agency, housed within the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA). In FY 2023-24, the CRA received funding for the construction of a cannabis reference laboratory. Beginning in FY 2023-24, staff and maintenance costs for the laboratory have also been included in CRA appropriations and FTE authorizations. The CRA does not anticipate any significant additional costs, though remaining funds from the initial appropriations are available in a work project account for use if needed.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Bills/Bill?ObjectName=2024-HB-5529>