

2025 SURG Response Subcommittee Preliminary Recommendation Submissions

Recommendation #1 Submitted by Dr. Shayla Holmes on 5/14/2025

Recommendation Description	<i>Prohibit the sale of all psychoactive substances, including hemp-derived cannabinoids and psychoactive mushrooms, to individuals under 21 years of age, aligning with existing cannabis regulations.</i> <i>Implement Clear Labeling Standards: Mandate that all products containing psychoactive compounds have standardized labeling, including clear warnings about potential health risks and age restrictions.</i> <i>Restrict Sales Locations: Limit the sale of these substances to licensed establishments that can verify the age of purchasers and prohibit sales near schools and other youth-centered facilities.</i> <i>Enhance Enforcement Mechanisms: Provide regulatory agencies with authority and resources to monitor compliance, conduct inspections, and enforce penalties for violations.</i>
Please describe your justification/background information for this recommendation.	In Nevada, it is illegal for individuals under 21 to purchase or possess cannabis products, including Delta-9 THC, unless they are medical marijuana cardholders. Additionally, over-the-counter (OTC) medications containing dextromethorphan (DXM) cannot be sold to minors under 18 without a prescription. However, certain substances, such as hemp-derived Delta-9 THC products (containing less than 0.3% THC by dry weight) and psychoactive mushrooms, may be legally accessible due to their specific chemical compositions and lack of comprehensive regulation. This creates potential loopholes that could allow minors to obtain and misuse these substances.
Please include any associated research or links for your recommendation.	https://www.tallcopsaysstop.com/ (an amazing trainer on the topic, not sure if he'd be willing to do a quick presentation on the highlights of the issue - he has been active in NV and did a presentation at the JTNN Washoe County Prevention conference) https://library.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/pep21-06-01-001.pdf (pages 2, 32, and 42) - Marijuana derivatives https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/29854531/ (Phenibut an over the counter opioid-like synthetic, Narcan does not work on its overdose and symptoms are similar) https://www.fda.gov/consumers/consumer-updates/tianeptine-products-linked-serious-harm-overdoses-death?utm_source=chatgpt.com (Tianeptine -is colloquially known as "gas station heroin" due to its availability in convenience stores and gas stations)

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Please select AB374 Section 10 Requirement(s) that have been assigned to the Response Subcommittee that aligns with your recommendation.	(i) Develop strategies for local, state and federal law enforcement and public health agencies to respond to and prevent overdoses and plans for implementing those strategies. (n) Study the sources and manufacturers of substances which are associated with substance use disorders, including, without limitation, heroin, other synthetic and non-synthetic opioids and stimulants, and methods and resources for preventing the manufacture, trafficking and sale of such substances. (o) Study the effectiveness of criminal and civil penalties at preventing the misuse of substances and substance use disorders and the manufacture, trafficking and sale of substances which are associated with substance use disorders, including, without limitation, heroin, other synthetic and non-synthetic opioids and stimulants.
Please select the AB374 Section 10 Requirement(s) that are cross-cutting elements assigned to all three subcommittees that aligns with your recommendation.	
If your recommendation focuses on a special population, please select all that apply.	b. Persons who are incarcerated, persons who have committed nonviolent crimes primarily driven by a substance use disorder and other persons involved in the criminal justice or juvenile systems e. People who inject drugs; (as revised) f. Children who are involved with the child welfare system a. Veterans, elderly persons and youth
Please describe the Action Step aligned with your recommendation.	Bill Draft Request (BDR) Regulatory or Licensing Board
Is this a short-term or long-term recommendation?	Long-term (2+ years)
If your recommendation requires a fiscal note, please approximate the amount.	Unsure if a fiscal note is needed

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Please provide a description of the <i>impact</i> of this recommendation.	Reduce the access to alternative sources for substance misuse that are just as deadly and do not flag on standard testing.
On a scale of 1-3, please rate the <i>urgency</i> of your recommendation.	2
Please provide a description of the <i>urgency</i> of the recommendation.	I think NV needs to figure out how to address this growing trend of street drug alternatives/gas station counter drugs.
On a scale of 1-3, please rate the <i>current capacity & feasibility</i> to implement your recommendation.	2
Please provide a description of the <i>capacity & feasibility</i> of implementing this recommendation.	It will require multiple agencies to work together to create and enforce labeling and oversight.
On a scale of 1-3, please rate how the recommendation <i>advances racial and health equity</i> .	3
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Please list who you would like to present on this recommendation.	Jermaine Galloway, "Tall Cop"

Recommendation #2 Submitted by Dr. Terry Kerns on 5/16/2025

Recommendation Description	<i>Revise this recommendation to also include <u>desistance</u>: Recommend state agencies under the legislative, judicial, and executive branches involved with deflection and diversion programs have a comprehensive definition of recidivism, and policies related to measuring and reporting recidivism</i>
Please describe your justification/background information for this recommendation.	Desistance is potentially a more accurate way to measure program impact.
Please include any associated research or links for your recommendation.	
Please select AB374 Section 10 Requirement(s) that have been assigned to the Response Subcommittee that aligns with your recommendation.	(d) Work to understand how residents of this State who are involved in the criminal justice system access supports for treatment of and recovery from substance use disorders at various points, including, without limitation, by reviewing existing diversion, deflection and reentry programs for such persons. (m) Study the effects of substance use disorders on the criminal justice system, including, without limitation, law enforcement agencies and correctional institutions. (p) Evaluate the effects of substance use disorders on the economy of this State.
Please select the AB374 Section 10 Requirement(s) that are cross-cutting elements assigned to all three subcommittees that aligns with your recommendation.	(h) Examine qualitative and quantitative data to understand the risk factors that contribute to substance use and the rates of substance use and substance use disorders, focusing on special populations.

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Please describe the Action Step aligned with your recommendation.	State agencies that support diversion and deflection programs have a definition of recidivism. Also have a working group to address this.
Is this a short-term or long-term recommendation?	Short-term (Under 2 years)
If your recommendation requires a fiscal note, please approximate the amount.	No fiscal note is needed
On a scale of 1-3, please rate the <i>impact</i> of your recommendation.	2
Please provide a description of the <i>impact</i> of this recommendation.	More standardized data collection to address the impact of diversion and deflection programs within the communities.
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On a scale of 1-3, please rate the <i>current capacity & feasibility</i> to implement your recommendation.	2
Please provide a description of the <i>capacity & feasibility</i> of implementing this recommendation.	It would be easy for state agencies to implement a definition of recidivism
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Please provide a description of how the recommendation advances <i>racial and health equity</i>.	Addresses those involved in the criminal justice system to get out of that cycle.
Please list who you would like to present on this recommendation.	Washoe County Sheriff's Department.