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Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 59, the following Assembly Journal for the 2025–26 Regular Session was printed while the Assembly was in Summer Recess.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

By unanimous consent, the following committees were permitted to meet:

Economic Development, Growth, and Household Impact, on Friday, August 15, 2025, at 9:30 a.m., at Paramount City Council Chamber, 16400 Colorado Ave., Paramount, CA 90723;

Utilities and Energy, to convene jointly with Natural Resources and Transportation, on Wednesday, August 20, 2025, at 1:30 p.m., at 1021 O Street, Room 1100;

Select Committee on Downtown Recovery, on Friday, August 22, 2025, at 10 a.m., in the Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, 701 Mission Street, San Francisco, CA 94103;

Select Committee on the Nonprofit Sector, to convene jointly with the Senate Select Committee on the Nonprofit Sector, on Tuesday, August 19, 2025, at 3:30 p.m., at 1021 O Street, Room 1200.

REPORTS

The following letter of transmittal was presented by the Chief Clerk and ordered printed in the Journal:

California State Auditor

2024-105
August 7, 2025

*The Honorable Speaker of the Assembly
The Honorable Members of the Assembly
of the Legislature of California
State Capitol, Room 319
Sacramento, California*

Members of the Assembly: Legislative Audit Committee, my office conducted an audit of the Department of Cannabis Control (DCC), and our assessment focused on the department's youth advertising and marketing enforcement. In general, we found that state law and DCC's regulations about design elements that are attractive to children are unspecific, leading to subjective and sometimes inconsistent determinations of whether cannabis product packaging is compliant. We also identified some best practices from other jurisdictions that California could use to further specify elements of packaging that are attractive to children. We recommend that the Legislature consider clarifying design elements that are prohibited from cannabis packaging.

Additionally, DCC does not adequately discipline the cannabis businesses that it licenses (licensees) who repeatedly violate regulations regarding attractiveness to children. DCC's inspectors do not have consistent documentation practices, and we could not conclude that DCC consistently checks a licensee's compliance history when evaluating whether that licensee is selling a cannabis product with packaging that is attractive to children. We also determined that the department does not consistently increase penalties for licensees who repeatedly violate the department's regulations. We recommend that DCC improve its documentation and specify penalties for repeat offenders to disincentivize licensees from violating regulations.

Finally, we found that DCC's current regulations and state law do not adequately prohibit flavors in cannabis inhalants. Even though DCC's statement of reasoning and its online guidance say that certain flavors are prohibited from cannabis inhalants, the department's regulations do not specify any such prohibited flavors. To ensure that it appropriately regulates flavors in cannabis inhalants, the Legislature should consider specifying in state law prohibited flavors in cannabis inhalants.

Respectfully submitted,

GRANT PARKS
California State Auditor

Above report referred to the Committee on Business and Professions.

ROBERT RIVAS, Speaker

DANIEL ALVAREZ, Assistant Minute Clerk