

Inquiry into the use of Cannabis in Victoria

SURVEY QUESTIONS

Drag the statements below to reorder them. In order of priority, please rank the themes you believe are most important for this Inquiry into the use of Cannabis in Victoria to consider:

Young people and children, Accessing and using cannabis, Public health, Public safety, Mental health, Crimi-nal activity, Education, Social impacts

What best describes your interest in our Inquiry? (select all that apply) :

Individual

Are there any additional themes we should consider?

YOUR SUBMISSION

Legalising cannabis would carry with it significant benefits, social, economic, and more. In 2019 Colorado, an American state where cannabis is legal, collected more than \$302 million on taxes and fees on cannabis sales. That state has a population of roughly one million less than Victoria does, meaning that Victoria has the potential for a higher tax income. This tax income is especially important in our current time, allowing for the government to make up some lost revenue from other businesses and individuals, as well as simply providing another revenue stream. Another study performed by RCG Economics showed that Nevada, a state of 3.08 million people, would have 41, 000 jobs supported by legalised marijuana, with a total labour income of \$1.7 billion. Providing jobs is of utmost importance during this time of major job losses. Legalisation would also spur major investment in the private sector, providing another boost to the economy. It would allow for new farming opportunities for our otherwise struggling farmers throughout the state, thereby boosting regional economies. Lastly, legalisation would significantly reduce the amount of income falling into the hands of organised crime syndicates, who use money gained from marijuana to fund other illicit activities. It would allow for police to concentrate on more serious crimes rather than resources being allotted to combat this relatively harmless (equal to alcohol) drug.

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions?:

Select all that apply.

Do you think there should there be restrictions on the use of cannabis? :

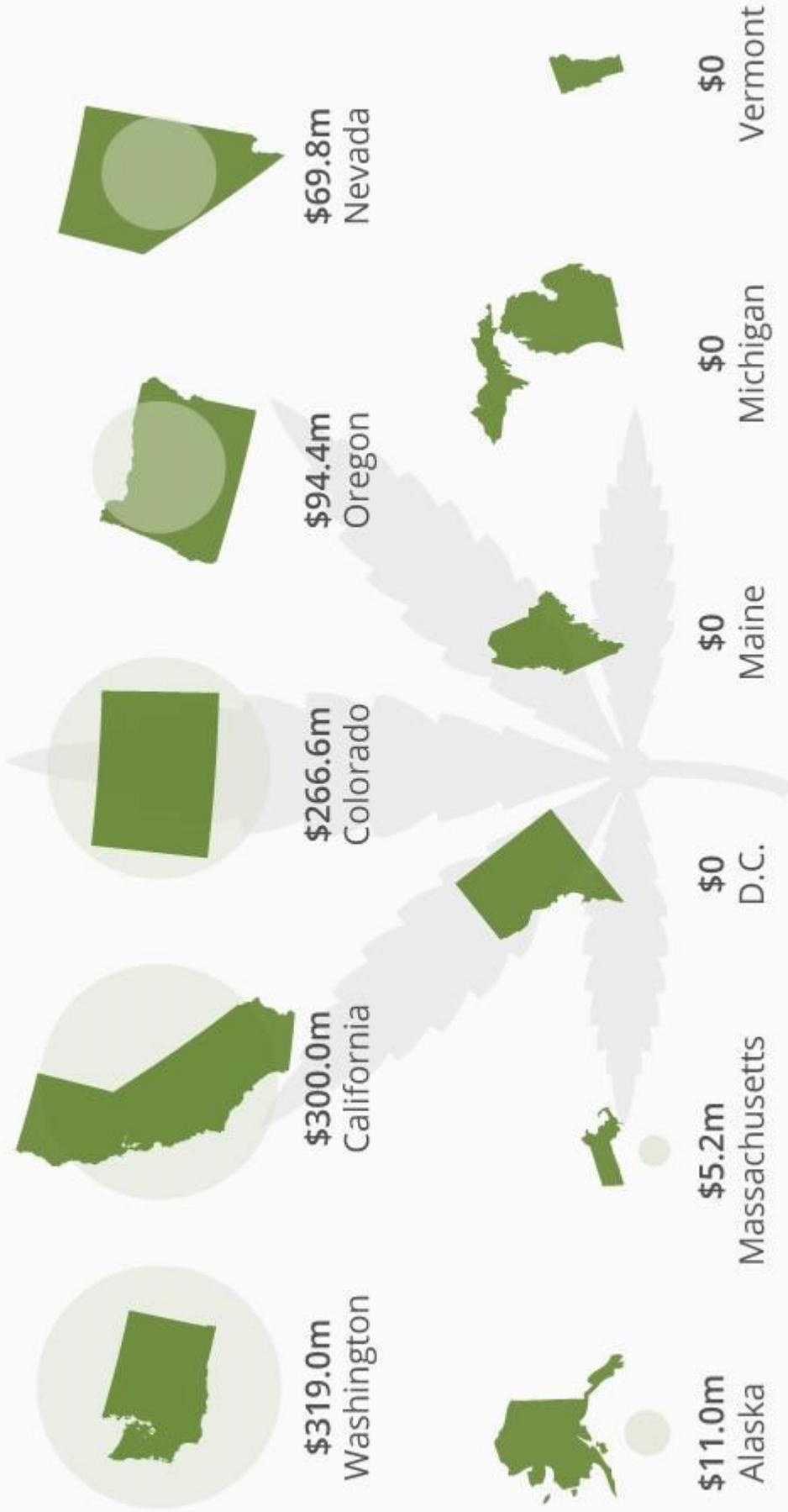
Personal use of cannabis should be legal. Sale of cannabis should be legal and regulated. Cultivation of can-nabis for personal use should be legal.

FILE ATTACHMENTS

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Marijuana Brought In Millions In Tax Revenue Last Year

Estimated 2018 tax revenue in states where recreational marijuana use is legal*



* There are 10 legal states (and D.C.) but only seven currently tax and regulate revenue-producing stores.

Source: Leafly



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