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Cannabis Patient Protection Act approved by Senate, heading to Governor's Desk

Bipartisan 41-8 Senate vote builds momentum to support a safe, quality-controlled and regulated marketplace for cannabis in Washington State

WASHINGTON – The Washington State Senate today approved the Cannabis Patient Protection Act in a 41-8 bipartisan vote, sending the critical legislation to Governor Jay Inslee's desk for consideration and final approval. The House approved the legislation on Friday April 10 by a 60-36 bipartisan vote, with the Senate today concurring on the House amendments to 2SSB 5052. The Senate originally sent the legislation to the House with a 36-11 bipartisan vote, today gaining an additional 5 votes as evidence of the growing momentum for a safe, quality-controlled and regulated marketplace for cannabis in Washington State.

"This is a good day for all Washington residents who asked our state to lead the nation in creating a safe, regulated and quality-controlled cannabis marketplace," said Washington CannaBusiness Association Executive Director Vicki Christophersen. "We have worked hard on behalf of regulated cannabis business owners to share their experiences in this new marketplace by supporting a path forward that protects patient access to medicine and follows the voters' direction in approving I-502. We thank the House and the Senate for their overwhelming bipartisan approval. And we especially thank Senators Rivers and Hatfield, and Representatives Cody and Schmick, for their leadership. We now look forward to working with Governor Inslee on final approval."

About Washington CannaBusiness Association

Washington CannaBusiness Association solely represents Washington's licensed and regulated cannabis businesses and provides its members with general support and representation before regulatory agencies and the legislature. As an association of cannabis producers, processors and retailers who have gathered to promote the private cannabis industry created by Initiative 502 and our member companies, our mission is to advocate on behalf of our member companies in the legislative, regulatory, legal and public policy arenas.

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