



**Performance Note**  
**SB0073 - Medical Cannabis Act**  
Sponsor: Sen. Madsen, Mark B.



Performance Note Report

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Agency: Department of Health

Funding For:

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New Services or Benefit

Public Benefit:

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**Purpose:** This bill allows an individual with a qualifying illness who registers with the state electronic verification system to possess and use cannabis under certain circumstances. The Department of Health (DOH) is responsible to issue medical cannabis cards to qualifying individuals.

**Services:** Pursuant to SB 73, the legislature intends for the DOH to support the planning, development, and ongoing operation of the electronic verification system that issues medical cannabis cards.

**Expected Outcome:** DOH will issue 80% medical cannabidiol cards within 15 days after an individual submits an application. Timely processing of applications will expedite a qualifying patient's obtaining of the medical cannabis used to treat their medical condition. Over 15 days may be necessary to process applications that are incomplete when first submitted.

**Implementations and Resources:** DOH currently does not have the personnel resources necessary to implement SB 89. It is necessary for DOH to create a new position because the workload of existing employees is such that they could not take on the new responsibility. The electronic verification system will must be built to prevent incomplete applications from being submitted; however, system may not stop all incomplete applications.

**How:** Timely processing of applications is not possible without funding a new position. DOH can adequately support the services required by SB 73 if this funding is appropriated.

Performance Measures

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## Goal

Title: Percentage of medical cannabis cards issued within 15 days after an individual submits an application

Description: The percentage of medical cannabis cards issued within 15 days after an individual submits an application.

Collection Method: Program manager will collect this data from reports generated by the electronic verification system.

	2016	2017	2018
Percent Issued w/i 15 days	0.00	80.00	80.00
None	0.00	0.00	0.00

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