

REGULAR CALENDAR

February 3, 2023

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

**The Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety
to which was referred HB 643-FN-A,**

**AN ACT relative to legalizing marijuana. Having
considered the same, report the same with the following
resolution: RESOLVED, that it is INEXPEDIENT TO
LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Kevin Pratt

FOR THE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	Criminal Justice and Public Safety
Bill Number:	HB 643-FN-A
Title:	relative to legalizing marijuana.
Date:	February 3, 2023
Consent Calendar:	REGULAR
Recommendation:	INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

STATEMENT OF INTENT

The committee, after hearing testimony from the sponsor, supporters, and members of law enforcement, found this bill Inexpedient to Legislate. The committee believed that whether for or against marijuana legalization, this bill is not the best vehicle to accomplish this. Some members of the committee oppose legalization entirely and other support it but in a different form than put forward in this bill. This bill would legalize marijuana possession for anyone over 21 and put the state liquor commission in charge of selling it. The committee felt this was too complicated and some objected to the state holding a monopoly on the production and sale.

Vote 16-4.

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