



# Louisville Metro Government

601 W. Jefferson Street  
Louisville, KY 40202

## Action Summary - Final Health and Education Committee

*Chair Person Angela Leet (R-7)*  
*Vice Chair Vicki Aubrey Welch (D-13)*  
*Committee Member Marilyn Parker (R-18)*  
*Committee Member Vitalis Lanshima (D-21)*  
*Committee Member Madonna Flood (D-24)*

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Wednesday, February 28, 2018

2:30 PM

Council Chambers

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### Call to Order

Chair Person Leet called the meeting to order at 2:34 PM.

### Roll Call

Chair Person Leet introduced the committee members and non-committee members present. A quorum was established.

**Present:** 5 - Chair Person Angela Leet (R-7), Vice Chair Vicki Aubrey Welch (D-13), Committee Member Marilyn Parker (R-18), Committee Member Vitalis Lanshima (D-21), and Committee Member Madonna Flood (D-24)

### Non-Committee Member(s)

Council Member Barbara Sexton Smith (D-4) and Council Member Bill Hollander (D-9)

### Support Staff

Sarah Martin and Annale Renneker, Jefferson County Attorney's Office

### Clerk(s)

H. Stephen Ott, CKMC and Lisa Franklin Gray, Assistant Clerk

## Pending Legislation

### 1. [R-024-18](#)

#### **A RESOLUTION BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT SUPPORTING MEDICAL CANNABIS LEGALIZATION IN KENTUCKY. (AS AMENDED).**

**Sponsors:** Primary Bill Hollander (D-9), Primary Barbara Sexton Smith (D-4), Primary David James (D-6), Primary Pat Mulvihill (D-10), Primary Scott Reed (R-16), Primary Vicki Aubrey Welch (D-13), Primary Cindi Fowler (D-14), Primary Marianne Butler (D-15), Primary Brandon Coan (D-8), Primary Angela Leet (R-7), Additional Cheri Bryant Hamilton (D-5) and Additional Vitalis Lanshima (D-21)

**Attachments:** [R-024-18 V.2 CAM 030818 Supporting Medical Cannabis Legalization in KY.pdf](#)  
[R-024-18 V.1 020818 Supporting Medical Cannabis Legalization in KY.pdf](#)  
[RES 035 2018.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Welch, seconded by Committee Member Lanshima, that this Resolution be recommended for approval.

Chair Person Leet and Council Member Hollander spoke to the item.

A motion was made by Committee Member Lanshima, seconded by Committee Member Flood, that this Resolution be amended by striking the last "Whereas" and replacing with the following "Whereas" statement:

**WHEREAS:** The Louisville Metro Council recognizes the important scientific and enforcement work of the Federal Drug Administration, the National Institute on Drug Abuse, and the Drug Enforcement Administration; however, cannabis remains illegal at the federal level as a Schedule I drug under the federal Controlled Substances Act.

And inserting the following Sections before Section I and II, making them Sections I, II and III, respectfully:

**SECTION I:** The Louisville Metro Council requests that the Federal Drug Administration, National Institute on Drug Abuse, and the Drug Enforcement Agency expedite research on the safety and effectiveness of the use of medical cannabis for certain health purposes.

**SECTION II:** The Metro Council believes that the Controlled Substances Act should be amended to remove cannabis from scheduling.

**SECTION III:** The Metro Council acknowledges that every state will have differing and sometimes conflicting views of legalized cannabis and how to regulate it, but we would ask the federal government to allow each state the ability to craft its own regulations regarding cannabis.

And changing Sections I and II to Sections IV and V.

And strike the following in SECTION IV: "House Bill 166 or any other" and "and provide for the care, comfort and relief of any Kentuckian who may benefit".

And insert the following after "...passage and approval..." in SECTION V: "and we request the Clerk of the Metro Council forward copies of this Resolution to the Kentucky Legislature, Governor Matt Bevin, the Federal Drug Administration, the National Institute on Drug Abuse, and the Drug Enforcement Administration".

The motion to amend carried by a voice vote.

The motion to recommend for approval carried by a voice vote and the amended Resolution was sent to Old Business.

## **Adjournment**

Without objection, Chair Person Leet adjourned the meeting at 3:16 PM.

**\*NOTE: Items sent to the Consent Calendar or Old Business will be heard before the full Council at the Metro Council Meeting on March 8, 2018.**