



Joint Legislative Audit Committee and Assembly Business and Professions Committee

Joint Legislative Oversight Hearing

***Department of Cannabis Control: Unclear Rules and
Insufficient Enforcement Hamper Its Ability to Identify Packaging
That Is Attractive to Children (Report 2024-105)***

**February 17, 2026, Upon Adjournment of Sessions
1021 O Street, Room 1100**

I. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Assemblymember Harabedian, Chair, Joint Legislative Audit Committee

Senator Cabaldon, Vice Chair, Joint Legislative Audit Committee

Assemblymember Berman, Chair, Assembly Business and Professions Committee

Assemblymember Irwin, Audit Requester

II. Overview of Audit Report by California State Auditor's Office

Grant Parks, California State Auditor

John Lewis, Audit Principal

III. Comments and Response by the Department of Cannabis Control

Christina Dempsey, Deputy Director of Government Affairs

Zarha Ruiz, Branch Chief, Compliance Inspection Branch

IV. Perspectives on Audit

Lynn Silver, Director, Getting it Right from the Start

Caren Woodson, President, California Cannabis Industry Association

Amy Jenkins, Executive Director, California Cannabis Operators Association

V. Public Comments

VI. Closing Remarks