

STATE PROTECTION

PROTECTING IDAHO FROM HARMFUL DRUG EFFECTS

HJR4 helps protect Idaho from the hugely destructive effects of recreational drug usage that have occurred in Oregon, Washington, Colorado, California and other states, including:

- “NORMALIZATION” OF DRUG USE RESULTING IN INCREASED USE IN UNDERAGE YOUTH.
- INCREASED CARTEL ACTIVITY, HUMAN TRAFFICKING, BLACK-MARKET MARIJUANA PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION, WITH THREATS OF VIOLENCE.
- INCREASED OCCURRENCE OF IMPAIRED DRIVERS ON OUR HIGHWAYS AND IN THE WORKPLACE.
- INCREASES IN SERIOUS HEALTH ISSUES, INCLUDING DELAYED MENTAL DEVELOPMENT.
- INCREASED DEPENDENCE ON WELFARE AND OTHER SOCIAL SAFETY NETS.
- INCREASED CRIME RATES.
- UNDERMINING THE FAMILY UNIT.

PERSONAL & FAMILY IMPACT

THE HUMAN COST OF ADDICTION

Families and friends must deal with the heartache of addiction, premature deaths, fear, and expensive health issues.

VOTE  **YES**
ON HJR4

**HARMFUL DRUGS NEED
LEGISLATIVE PROCESS
AND OVERSIGHT**



IDAHO STATE BALLOT INFORMATION

Important Voter Information regarding
Constitutional Amendment HJR4 for the
upcoming November 3, 2026 General Election.

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VOTE YES ON HJR4

**HJR4 WILL BE ON THE
IDAHO BALLOT
NOVEMBER 3, 2026**

BALLOT PROPOSITION

Shall Section 26, Article III of
the Constitution of the State of
Idaho be amended to provide
that only the legislature shall
have the power and authority
to legalize the growing,
producing, manufacturing,
transporting, selling,
delivering, dispensing,
administering, prescribing,
distributing, possessing, or
using of marijuana, narcotics,
or other psychoactive substances?

CONSTITUTIONAL INTENT

PROTECTING IDAHO CITIZENS

The legislative process is far more robust than the initiative process. It requires a full committee review and public testimony prior to a vote of the entire chamber before repeating the entire process in the other chamber. Thus citizens have many opportunities to contact their elected legislators and share their opinions through the deliberative legislative process. The Idaho constitution wisely intended that when harmful drugs are involved, the process should be very rigorous and thorough to ensure all societal implications and consequences are fully vetted and considered prior to approval.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

BROADER SOCIETAL EFFECTS

Harmful drug use can lead to many societal ills including undermining the family unit, greater dependence on social safety nets, higher insurance costs, and increased crime rates.

EXISTING AUTHORITY

REGULATING CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

Section 26, Article III of Idaho Constitution already gives “full power and authority” to the Legislature to regulate intoxicating liquors. HJR4 clarifies that this legislative “power and authority” logically extends to other psychoactive substances as well.

CURRENT PRACTICE

CONTINUITY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTION

HJR4 does not change current practice.

Historically, the Legislature updates the Idaho Controlled Substances Act every year, generally to align with recent federal actions taken by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. Drugs are not legally sold in Idaho without legislative action.



VOTE  **YES**
ON HJR4

Protect Idaho families
from the devastating
effects of harmful drugs

CONSTITUTIONAL FOUNDATION

FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLES

The Idaho Constitution says: “The first concern of all good government is the virtue and sobriety of the people, and the purity of the home. The legislature should further all wise and well directed efforts for the promotion of temperance and morality” (Section 24, Article III).

HJR4 supports and strengthens the Legislature’s Constitutional role regarding harmful drugs, which by their very definition, adversely affect the sobriety of the people. Legalizing such substances has detrimental effects on the purity of the home and undermines the Constitution in promoting temperance and morality.

PROTECTING RESPONSIBILITY

PRESERVING CONSTITUTIONAL OVERSIGHT

Past efforts have been made to legalize harmful drugs without involving the Legislature, blocking the Legislature from exercising its constitutional responsibility. HJR4 would assure that the Legislature can continue to fulfill these important responsibilities.