Cannabis Policy 2023 SCORECARD

This scorecard analyzes local cannabis ordinances **passed prior to January 1, 2023**, in each California city or county that legalized storefront retail sales, to assess policies in effect going into 2022. It evaluates to what extent potential **best practices were adopted to protect youth, reduce problem cannabis use and promote social equity** beyond those already in state law. Scores fall into six public health and equity focused categories for a total maximum of 100 points.



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Policy Adopted Beyond State Law Beyond State Law					Weaker than State Law	
RETAILER REQUIREMENTS	TAXES & 5 PRICES		PRODUCT LIMITS	MARKETING	SMOKE-FREE AIR	EQUITY & CONFLICTS OF INTEREST
Limit # of retailers]((max. 10 pts)	Local retail tax (6 pts)	6	Limit high potency 0 products (max. 6 pts)	Limit billboards 0 (max. 6 pts)	Prohibit temporary event permits (5 pts)	Licensing priority for equity 0 applicants (3 pts)
Require distance >600 ft. from 0 schools (5 pts)	Revenue dedicated to youth, prevention or equity (max. 6 pts)	0	END THE CANNABIS KIDS MENU	Prominent health warnings on 0 ads (4 pts)	Prohibit on-site 3 consumption (3 pts)	Equity in hiring 0 requirements (3 pts)
Require distance between 0 retailers (2 pts)	Tax by THC content (5 pts)	0	No flavored products for combustion or 0 inhalation (max. 5 pts)	Limit therapeutic or health claims (3 pts)		Cost deferrals for equity 0 applicants (I pt)
Other location restrictions 3 (max. 3 pts)	Prohibit discounting (2 pts)	0	No cannabis- infused 0 beverages (4 pts)	Business signage 0 restrictions (3 pts)		No prescriber on retail 1 premises 1 (1 pt)
Health warnings posted 0 in store (4 pts)	Minimum price (1 pt)	0	Limit other products/ packaging attractive to youth (2 pts)	Limit marketing attractive to 0 youth (2 pts)		No prescriber in ownership O (I pt)
Health warnings 0 handed out (4 pts)						
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