Cannabis Policy 2024 SCORECARD

This scorecard analyzes local cannabis ordinances **passed prior to January 1, 2024**, in each California city or county that legalized storefront retail sales, to assess policies in effect going into 2023. 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	S	TAXES & PRICES		PRODUCT LIMITS	MARKETING	5	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 (max. 6 pts)	6	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 ads (4 pts)	0	Prohibit on-site 3 consumption (3 pts)	Equity in hiring 0 requirements (3 pts)	
Require distance between 2 retailers (2 pts)	2	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)	0		Cost deferrals for equity 0 applicants (1 pt)	
Other location restrictions 3 (max. 3 pts)	5	Prohibit discounting (2 pts)	0	No cannabis- infused 0 beverages 0 (4 pts)	Business signage restrictions (3 pts)	3		No prescriber on retail premises or 0 in ownership (max. 2 pts)	
Health warnings posted 4 in store or handed out (max. 8 pts)	•	Minimum price (1 pt)	0	Limit other products/ packaging attractive to youth (2 pts)	Limit marketing attractive to youth (2 pts)	0			
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Getting it Right •from the Start. TOTAL SCORE = 32									

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