

Senate Secretary,

Subject: Vote explanation SB 864

I voted yes on SB 864 because this would simply allow local governments to propose to their voters, a tax increase on marijuana products. There are valid concerns that too much of a hike could result in pushing people toward the black market. This debate can be had among the constituents of the local government proposing the increase. However, even if the maximum increase to 10% was approved for a city, the overall tax rate is less than the overall tax rate on marijuana products in Washington or California which should reduce concerns of black market incentives.

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