



Any "revenue" projections by Big Marijuana and the legalization-lobby in PA do not outweigh the social costs.

Healthcare costs. Regulatory costs. Law enforcement costs - and the continued rise in the black market. Costs on the increased harms to children and students.

The expenses cannot simply be brushed aside - which is what Big Tobacco and other pro-marijuana advocates want you to do. But for the sake of the argument, let's just look at the projected revenues. For starters, first-year "revenue" numbers in other states for recreational marijuana is often inflated.



"You do not legalize for taxation. It is a myth. You are not going to pave streets. You are not going to be able to pay teachers. The big red herring is the whole thing that the tax revenue will solve a bunch of crises. But it won't."

- **Andrew Freedman, former Colorado pot czar**

Also, marijuana tax revenue is a "drop in the bucket" as a percentage of the overall state budget.

- Alaska: 0.12%
- California: 0.20%
- Colorado: 0.78%
- Oregon: 0.24%
- Washington: 0.30%

"We get \$200 million a year in tax revenue, which, you know, we're a \$30 billion budget, so **it's a drop in the bucket** - it's not going to pay for early childhood education or solve any big social ill..."

- **Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper (April 9, 2018)**



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