

One Hundred Ninth Legislature - Second Session - 2026

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB873

Chairperson: Senator R. Brad von Gillern

Committee: Revenue

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB873 would, effective January 1, 2027, impose an excise tax on retail sales of Kratom products to consumers at a rate of ten percent of the retail purchase price. The excise tax would be in addition to all other occupation, privilege, sales, or use taxes imposed by the state or any political subdivision.

The bill would also prohibit distribution of Kratom products for which the Department of Revenue has compelled independent third-party laboratory testing until test results confirm compliance with state requirements. Unlabeled adulterated kratom products in violation of the Kratom Consumer Protection Act serve as *prima facie* evidence of a violation of the Consumer Protection Act.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Bob Hallstrom