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**Unanimous Support for Landgraf's Bill Increasing Penalties for the Sale  
of Synthetic Marijuana**

Denver – Late yesterday, the House Judiciary Committee unanimously passed House Bill 1037, sponsored by Representative Lois Landgraf (R-Fountain), which will subject vendors selling synthetic cannabinoids to fines and civil liability. Synthetic cannabinoids can be found in incense, and while advertised as not for human consumption, have become a popular designer drug administered through inhalation. The bill addresses health concerns after several people were recently hospitalized or killed in Colorado after smoking incense which contained synthetic cannabinoids.

It remains illegal in Colorado to sell a product with synthetic cannabinoids. However, some vendors have pleaded ignorance to products in their stores that were found to contain synthetic cannabinoids. House Bill 1037 would add criminal liability to selling any product containing the drug regardless of the warnings on the packaging.

“This deadly drug needs to be taken off the shelves and out of the hands of kids and adults who do not understand how dangerous consuming it can be,” said Landgraf. “I am pleased to see this issue is supported by all of my colleagues on the committee, and I hope we can enact this bill to get synthetic cannabinoids permanently out of Colorado.”

House Bill 1037 now moves to the House Appropriations Committee.

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