



## **Democrats push to legalize marijuana in New Mexico**

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An announcement is scheduled Tuesday morning at the Las Cruces Downtown Plaza.

Supporters say legalizing marijuana could generate millions of dollars for the state and local economies.

According to the CATO Institute, up to \$33 million that go into marijuana laws could be used for other needs. Supporters say legal marijuana could also create more than 11,000 jobs and generate more than \$60 million in tax revenue.

Some critics have brought up health and safety concerns and say marijuana is a gateway drug for teens.

But supporters say marijuana use is actually down 12 percent among teens in Colorado where marijuana was legalized three years ago.

This will be the third year Democrats try to legalize marijuana in the state of New Mexico.

But this year they have the majority in the House and in the Senate, giving them their best chance of passing the bill.