Codebook for Recreational Marijuana Laws
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Recreational Marijuana Laws

This codebook describes the variables in a dataset that examines variation in state laws regulating marijuana for recreational use in five jurisdictions where such laws are currently in effect: Alaska, Colorado, the District of Columbia, Oregon, and Washington. This is a longitudinal dataset updated through July 1, 2015.

There are six standard variables in every LawAtlas dataset. They are:

**ID:**

**FIPS CODE:**
The Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) codes are a standardized set of numeric codes issued by the National Institute of Standards and Technology to ensure uniform identification of geographic entities through all federal government agencies.

**JURISDICTION:**
This is a dropdown selection in each coding form. It includes the jurisdictions coded in the dataset.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:**
This date (MM/DD/YYYY) is the most recent effective date of the legal text captured for this place. The effective date represents the date the policy coded was put into effect.

**VALID THROUGH DATE:**
This date (MM/DD/YYYY) is the last date the policy was in effect as reflected by the legal text captured to code this policy.

**LEGAL TEXT:**
This is a text box that captures all legal text relevant to the coding questions. This will not download into Microsoft Excel.
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