

Suit challenges medical pot dispensaries in Washoe County

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A legal battle is brewing over the licensing of medical marijuana dispensaries in Washoe County.

One of the license applicants has filed a lawsuit against the state that says the state ranking system undermines a part of the law intended to guard against monopolies.

Lawyers for Washoe Dispensary LLC told the *Reno Gazette-Journal* that Tryke Companies Reno LLC should not be awarded two licenses – one in Sparks and one in unincorporated Washoe County.

They also challenge plans to issue three of the total five licenses allowed in the unincorporated county at north Lake Tahoe – in Incline Village and neighboring Crystal Bay.

The suit says the state failed to follow the law requiring that local governments have the final say about where the dispensaries should be located.