

REVENUE: No revenue impact
FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass with Amendments, Be Printed Engrossed, and Rescind Subsequent Referral to Ways and Means
Vote: 9 - 0 - 1
Yeas: Barton, Cameron, Garrett, Krieger, Olson, Smith J., Stiegler, Whisnant, Barker
Nays: 0
Exc.: Shields
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Meeting Dates: 5/26, 5/28

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires the State Board of Pharmacy to classify marijuana as a Schedule II - V controlled substance. Requires the State Board of Pharmacy to classify methamphetamine as a Schedule I controlled substance, except that if methamphetamine has a currently accepted medical use, it will be classified as a Schedule II. Classification must occur no later than 180 days after effective date. Increases the penalty to a Class C Felony for a person who unlawfully manufactures or delivers a Schedule IV controlled substance if the substance plays a substantial role in the death of any person.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Required mental state for imposing penalty
- Schedule IV drugs

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Allows methamphetamine that has a currently accepted medical use to be classified a Schedule II drug.

BACKGROUND: Schedule I drugs have a high tendency for abuse and have no accepted medical use. This schedule includes drugs such as Marijuana, Heroin, Ecstasy, and LSD. Schedule II drugs have a high tendency for abuse, may have an accepted medical use, and can produce dependency or addiction with chronic use. This schedule includes examples such as Cocaine, Opium, Morphine, Amphetamines, and Methamphetamines. Schedule II drugs may be available with a prescription by a physician, but may not be available at all pharmacies. Schedule III drugs have less potential for abuse and a currently accepted medical use, may lead to moderate or low physical dependence or high psychological dependence. Schedule IV drugs have a low potential for abuse, a currently accepted medical use and limited dependence. Schedule V drugs have a low potential for abuse, a currently accepted medical use and lead to limited dependence.

In Oregon, ORS 475.035 authorizes the Board of Pharmacy to change the classification of a controlled substance based on pharmacological effects, patterns of use and misuse, potential consequences of abuse, and consideration of the judgment of individuals with training and experience with the substance.

SB 728B requires the Board of Pharmacy to schedule marijuana as a Schedule II – V and methamphetamine as a Schedule I. In addition, the original bill, SB 728, increased penalties for manufacturing or delivering controlled substances. As amended, SB 728B increased penalty for manufacturing or delivering a Schedule IV controlled substance if the controlled substances played a substantial role in causing a death. Currently, manufacturing or delivering a Schedule IV controlled substance is a Class B misdemeanor, (six months imprisonment and \$2500 fine). SB 728A increases the penalty to a Class C Felony if death results (five years imprisonment and a \$125,000 fine).

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