77th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2013 Regular Session

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee on Judiciary

REVENUE: Minimal revenue impact, no statement issued FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 4 - 1 - 0

Yeas: Dingfelder, Kruse, Roblan, Prozanski

Nays: Close Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 4/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Eliminates the requirement to list a grower on the marijuana grow site registration system if patient does not use a grower. Allows non-resident medical marijuana card holders to use and possess less than one ounce of marijuana.

MEASURE: SB 794 A

CARRIER: Sen. Dingfelder

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Law enforcement recognition of cards from other states
- Less than one ounce is a violation

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND: In 1998, Oregon voters passed Ballot Measure 67 which allowed cultivation, possession and use of marijuana by patients with certain medical conditions with doctor recommendation. Four states allow for reciprocity with marijuana cardholders. The states are Arizona, Maine, Michigan and Rhode Island. Currently, Oregon allows medical marijuana cardholders from out of state to apply for Oregon's program which may take up to 60 days and requires approval by an Oregon licensed physician. Senate Bill 794 A allows visitors who are authorized under their own state's marijuana program to use and possess less than one ounce of marijuana and receive the same protection as an Oregon cardholder.

In addition, the current application process requires a qualifying patient to applying for registration to identify a grow site and grow site address. Senate Bill 794 A eliminates that requirement for applicants who do not use a grower.