

REVENUE: No revenue impact
FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
Vote:	9 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Barton, Cameron, Garrett, Hicks, Krieger, Olson, Tomei, Williamson, Barker
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	3/7, 4/11, 4/15, 4/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Adds oxycodone, hydrocodone, and methadone in specified quantities to the possession, delivery and manufacture statutes at a crime seriousness of level 4, 6, 8, 9, 10 depending on quantity, as well as to the commercial drug offense rules. Creates levels of crime seriousness 4, 6, 8, 9, 10 for possession of different amounts of marijuana. Adds “oxycodone” to definition of controlled substances. Lists the specific amount of pills for the drug types and what their criminal classification will be. Separates marijuana offenses, with possession in subsection four, and delivery and manufacturing in subsection three. Adds oxycodone to mandatory sentence where a person dies or suffers serious physical injury from ingestion after delivery. Declares an emergency, effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Since 2000 the use of prescription drugs as a percentage of overall drug use in Oregon has increased from three percent to eleven percent overtaking cocaine in popularity

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Lists the specific amount of pills for the drug types and what their criminal classification will be. Separates marijuana offenses, with possession in into subsection four, and delivery and manufacturing in subsection three.

BACKGROUND: Oxycodone, hydrocodone, and methadone are growing in popularity and are readily available for use by individuals seeking to get high. These changes would recognize the reality that these substances are just as dangerous and addictive as the other illicit substances already in the statute. It is also unfair to punish people with drastically different amounts of these substances and with marijuana with the same punishment. House Bill 2204 A varies different levels of crime severity so that a person with one pill or plant is not punished the same as a person with 500 pills or plants.