

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass with Amendments to the A-Engrossed Measure. (Printed B-Engrossed)

Vote: 4 - 0 - 1

Yeas: Beyer, Ferrioli, Starr, Rosenbaum

Nays: 0

Exc.: Burdick

Prepared By: Lori Brocker, Administrator

Meeting Dates: 6/29

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires Oregon Health Authority (OHA) establish by rule medical marijuana facility registration system for transfer of usable marijuana between grow sites and registry identification card holders. Establishes minimum facility application, location and security requirements. Requires OHA conduct criminal background check of facility applicants and refuse registration if responsible person has conviction of manufacturing or delivering controlled substance in Oregon or elsewhere. Requires facility test marijuana for pesticides, mold and mildew. Requires facility receive authorization from registry card holder prior to receiving marijuana from grow site. Exempts facility from marijuana plant and usable amount limits. Allows OHA to inspect facility and records to ensure compliance. Allows registry card holder to reimburse facility for normal and customary costs of doing business. Requires OHA notify former facility of registration card holder change of facility. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Class A and Class B Felony
- Concerns of District Attorney's addressed by amendment
- Amendment

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Prohibits person convicted of manufacturing or delivering controlled substance in Oregon or elsewhere from registering marijuana facility with state. Clarifies measure applies prospectively.

BACKGROUND: In 1998, Oregon voters passed Oregon Ballot Measure 67, which allows the cultivation, possession and use of marijuana by patients with certain medical conditions and a doctor's recommendation. The current application process requires a qualifying patient to apply for registration as an identification card holder. Registry identification card holders identify a grower and grow site address from which to either grow their own plants or obtain medicine from a registered grower. Patients have expressed concerns about growing their own medical marijuana and locating a trustworthy and legal grower. Dispensaries already exist across the state and offer "safe access" for patients to obtain medical marijuana. Dispensaries are not authorized under current statute.

House Bill 3460-B requires that the Oregon Health Authority establish rules for the registration and regulation of medical marijuana dispensary facilities where registration card holders can obtain medical marijuana. The measure requires that the facilities be properly licensed and that the product be tested for pesticide, mold and mildew prior to distribution.

7/1/2013 10:51:00 AM

This summary has not been adopted or officially endorsed by action of the committee.