

**REVENUE: No revenue impact**

**FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued**

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Action: Do Pass and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference

Vote: 9 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Barton, Cameron, Hicks, Krieger, Lininger, Olson, Tomei, Williamson, Barker

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 2/5

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Requires the Department of Justice to conduct a study of laws of Oregon that would need to be amended should the voters of Oregon vote on November 4, 2014 to legalize the possession, sale, distribution and production of marijuana.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Experiences of Colorado and Washington
- If a marijuana legalization initiative passes, we need to adopt Oregon laws accordingly

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** The Legislative Assembly has before it a bill, Senate Bill 1556, that would refer to the voters an initiative that would direct the 2015 Legislative Assembly to “enact laws that define, limit or otherwise regulate the possession, transfer, production and taxation of marijuana that are not otherwise defined, limited and regulated by the Oregon Medical Marijuana Act.” In addition, there are currently three proposed initiatives relating to marijuana, initiatives 21, 22 and 37.