

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 1531 – C

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Measure Description:

Specifies that governing body of city or county may impose reasonable regulations on the operation of medical marijuana facilities. Specifies package requirements for tetrahydrocannabinol-infused products that are meant to be swallowed or inhaled.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Cities, Counties, Judicial Department, Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

Summary of Expenditure Impact: See Analysis

Local Government Mandate:

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Analysis:

The fiscal impact is indeterminate. The measure allows a city or county to adopt ordinances that regulate the location, manner of dispensing medical marijuana, and hours of operation of medical marijuana facilities. The measure also allows a city or county to enact a moratorium on operation of a registered facility until May 1, 2015 if the moratorium is enacted no later than May 1, 2014. A registered facility may surrender registration and receive a refund of fees paid to the Oregon Health Authority if a moratorium is imposed. The measure also allows the Oregon Health Authority to revoke a facilities registration for failure to comply with local ordinances.

The number and location of medical marijuana dispensaries that will apply for registration in this state is unknown. Additionally, the cities or counties that may elect to adopt ordinances regulating or restricting those facilities is unknown.

The Oregon Health Authority notes that when dispensary registration begins in March 2014, the fees for registration have been established at a rate expected to fund operation of the registration program, and any reduction in the number of dispensaries will have an equal reduction in workload.

The Oregon Judicial Department anticipates a minimal fiscal impact as a result of this measure.