

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Judiciary

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO:

Action:

Vote:

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

Prepared By: Channa Newell, Counsel

Meeting Dates: 4/15

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Raises legal age for possession of tobacco to 21 years of age. Prohibits sales of tobacco products to persons under 21 years of age. Creates offense of selling tobacco products or devices to person under 21 years of age. Declares emergency; effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Proposed (-1) amendments incorporate inhalant delivery systems for delivery of nicotine into prohibitions and offenses in measure. Makes changes from “tobacco” to “nicotine” where appropriate.

BACKGROUND: Currently, a person must be 18 years of age or over to possess tobacco products in Oregon. It is a Class D violation for a person under 18 years of age to have tobacco products, including cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, and cut tobacco leaf.

Senate Bill 732 raises the minimum age for possessing tobacco products to 21 years of age. It creates a Class A violation for selling tobacco products or devices to a person under 21 years of age if the person knowingly sells the product to an underaged person.