

**REVENUE IMPACT OF
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The revenue impact of this measure is indeterminate for the following reasons:

The -17 amendment clarifies the amount of marijuana a cardholder and their caregiver may jointly possess at no more than 24 ounces. Moreover, a cardholder may not have more than nine pounds of marijuana per plant at an outdoor grow site or three pounds per plant at an indoor grow site. The Oregon Health Authority is also directed to develop and maintain a database of information related to the production of marijuana. Since these amendments are still all related to the Oregon Medical Marijuana Program (OMMP), these responsibilities still fall within the Public Health program and not Addictions and Mental Health. (AMH).

SB 844-17 amends the “-6” amendment, which directs the Oregon Health Authority to adopt rules that establish standards for testing, labelling and packaging marijuana products. SB 844-6 also requires that the Oregon Health Authority license laboratories to test products sold in the recreational marijuana system. Retail sales of marijuana cannot commence without sufficient licensed testing facilities or rules for packaging and labelling. The “-17” allows local government bodies to prohibit the establishment of medical marijuana dispensaries.

The impact of the licensure of laboratories by the Oregon Health Authority could work positively to facilitate the commercial rollout and make it less cumbersome and less complicated, which allows for tax revenue to develop a stable predictable pattern. The Oregon Liquor Control Commission is directed, by statute, to begin accepting license applications for the retail marijuana system on January 4, 2016. However, no licensed producer will be able to sell their product without sufficient testing facilities in place. If the unfolding of the testing and control (seed to sale) regimes complicates in a slow moving process, then The Amended bill could present a risk to measure-91 revenue, by delaying it from reliably making its way to the state coffers.