

**REVENUE IMPACT OF
PROPOSED LEGISLATION
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Bill Number:	SB 844 - 24
Revenue Area:	Marijuana Revenue
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***Only Impacts on Original or Engrossed
Versions are Considered Official***

The revenue impact of this measure is indeterminate for the following reasons:

The “-24” amendment allows city or county to adopt ordinances prohibiting dispensaries and processing sites. Requires ordinance be adopted within 180 days after effective date of measure. Requires city or county to order election (next general) when presented with petition to prohibit or allow dispensaries, processing sites or both. Specifies petition must be filed 60 days prior to election and be signed by 4 percent of registered voters of city or county. The language exempts dispensary from ordinance if dispensary is licensed by OHA on or before effective date of ordinance and is in compliance with applicable city or county ordinances or is a land use applicant whose application is deemed complete by county or city if licensed by OHA prior to May 1, 2015, and dispensary applies to be licensed by OHA on or before July 1, 2015. Exempts processing site if registered by OHA on or before effective date of ordinance, is processing usable marijuana and is in compliance with applicable city or county ordinances or is a land use applicant whose application is deemed complete by county or city.

SB 844-24 amends the “-6” amendment, which directs the Oregon Health Authority to adopt rules that establish standards for testing, labelling and packaging marijuana products. It 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 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. 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 seed) 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.