

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: Revenue impact issued

Action Date: 04/21/15

Action: Do Pass As Amended And Be Printed Engrossed.

Meeting Dates: 04/20, 04/21

Vote:

Yeas: 9 - Barker, Barton, Greenlick, Krieger, Lininger, Olson, Post, Sprenger, Williamson

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Creates new offense for those under the age of 21 years who purchase, attempt to purchase, or acquire marijuana items. Provides exemptions. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Policy considerations in light of Ballot Measure 91
- Amendment based on minor in possession of alcohol statute
- Possible impact of this bill on medical marijuana recipients

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Replaces measure.

BACKGROUND:

In 2014, Oregonians enacted Ballot Measure 91, which legalizes marijuana effective July 1, 2015. House Bill 2313 A creates a new offense for those under the age of 21 years old who attempt to purchase or acquire marijuana items. It prohibits youth from entering premises where marijuana items are available. The offense is classified as a Class B violation, and is elevated to Class A violation if the offender possesses marijuana items while operating a motor vehicle. It authorizes penalties of community service and driver's license suspension for offenders who misrepresent their age in an attempt to acquire marijuana. In addition, it authorizes court-ordered treatment for offenders.