

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 460 - A

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Measure Description:

Authorizes medical marijuana dispensaries to sell limited marijuana retail product.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC), Counties, Cities

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

See Analysis below

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 measure authorizes medical marijuana dispensaries to elect to sell limited marijuana retail product as specified beginning October 1, 2015. Cities and counties would be allowed to adopt ordinances prohibiting such sales. These provisions are repealed on December 31, 2016. The measure grants rule-making authority to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA).

OHA estimates costs at just under \$415,000 Other Funds for the 2015-17 biennium to hire limited duration compliance staff (3 positions, 1.89 FTE) to ensure medical marijuana dispensaries are complying with the law, respond to questions and complaints, and assist with public education efforts. OHA assumes there will be sufficient fee revenue to cover these costs. Counties and cities believe there could be costs related to the measure, but the amounts are indeterminate. The Oregon Liquor Control Commission anticipates no direct fiscal impact, but notes that there could be a reduction in estimated revenue if there is a delay in the transition from dispensaries to licensed marijuana establishments.

The cumulative total of all new measures affecting the recreational marijuana program needs to be reviewed later in the Session to determine adjustments that are needed in the budgets of affected agencies.