

SB 1015 -3, -4 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Marijuana Regulation

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Defines "cannabinoid concentrate" and "cannabinoid extract" to include any concentrate or extract made from the plant Cannabis family Cannabaceae. Clarifies that industrial hemp commodities and products do not include cannabinoid concentrates or extracts. Provides licensure and registration requirements for persons seeking to process industrial hemp into cannabinoid concentrates and cannabinoid extracts.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Definition of hemp versus cannabis
- Existing industrial hemp producer and handler requirements
- The hemp industry in Oregon and nationwide

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-3 Replaces measure. Defines "industrial hemp concentrate" and "industrial hemp extract." Allows an industrial hemp grower to deliver industrial hemp to an Oregon Liquor Control Commission marijuana processor to be made into industrial hemp concentrates and industrial hemp extracts if certain conditions are met. Allows processor to deliver processed industrial hemp to an industrial hemp handler if certain conditions are met. Takes effect on the 91st day after adjournment.

-4 Replaces measure. Defines "industrial hemp concentrate" and "industrial hemp extract." Allows an industrial hemp grower to deliver industrial hemp to an Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) marijuana processor (processor) to be made into industrial hemp concentrates and industrial hemp extracts if certain conditions are met. Allows an industrial hemp handler to deliver industrial hemp extracts or concentrates to a processor if certain conditions are met. Allows a processor to process industrial hemp, industrial concentrates and industrial hemp extracts and use them to supplement the processing of any marijuana item. Allows the processor to sell industrial hemp extracts, concentrates, or products to an OLCC licensed marijuana retailer.

Prohibits the retail sale of industrial hemp commodities or product in Oregon unless the process used to create them met the same or substantially the same requirements as those found in Oregon. Exempts OLCC licensed marijuana retailers from this prohibition.

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BACKGROUND:

In 2009, the Legislative Assembly passed SB 676 which allowed the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) to license industrial hemp growers and handlers. ODA licensed the first industrial hemp grower in early 2015. One of the major features that define industrial hemp is that the crop has to contain less than 0.3% tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), the psychoactive compound found in marijuana. While industrial hemp can be used to create fibers and fabrics, the plant also contains cannabinoid compounds. These compounds have been linked to positive medical treatments, but due to federal regulations scientists have completed few peer-reviewed medical trials to verify these links.

Senate Bill 1015 defines "cannabinoid concentrate" and "cannabinoid extract" to include any concentrate or extract made from the plant Cannabis family Cannabaceae, and provides licensure and registration requirements for persons

seeking to process industrial hemp into cannabinoid concentrates and cannabinoid extracts.

PRELIMINARY