

SB 319 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
Joint Committee On Marijuana Regulation

Carrier: Rep. Fahey

Action Date: 02/14/17

Action: Do Pass.

Senate Vote

Yeas: 5 - Beyer, Burdick, Ferrioli, Kruse, Prozanski

House Vote

Yeas: 5 - Fahey, Helm, Lininger, Olson, Wilson

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: Has minimal revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires medical marijuana dispensaries and recreational marijuana retail locations be at least 1000 feet away from a school unless certain conditions are met. Allows local governments to adopt ordinances allowing medical marijuana dispensaries and marijuana retailers between 500 and 1000 feet away from a school so long as a physical or geographic barrier separates the location and the school. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Distance requirements between schools and marijuana establishments under current Oregon law
- Powers of local governments to site marijuana establishments
- Contents of the measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Under current Oregon law, a marijuana dispensary or retailer must be at least 1000 feet away from a school. The Oregon Legislative Assembly passed Senate Bill 1511 in 2016. Among other things, this measure authorized cities or counties to pass ordinances allowing the placement of marijuana dispensaries and retailers within 500 feet of a public school so long as there was a major physical or geographic barrier separating the two facilities.

Senate Bill 319 would prohibit this practice and require the ordinances passed by local jurisdictions stipulate that marijuana dispensaries and retailers must be between 500 and 1000 feet away from a school when there is a major physical or geographic barrier.