

SB 639 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Business and General Government

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes the consumption and sale of marijuana items at temporary events and cannabis lounges as regulated by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC). Establishes requirements for temporary events and cannabis lounges including standards for premises at which event will be held. Requires OLCC to adopt specified rules governing temporary events and cannabis lounges and prohibits adoption of rules that prohibit bringing and using cannabis at those locations. Dedicates fees for temporary events and cannabis lounges to the Marijuana Control and Regulation Fund. Prohibits OLCC from issuing temporary event or cannabis lounge license for premises located in city or county in which governing body has not adopted an ordinance allowing for temporary events or cannabis lounges. Requires local government to submit local ordinance allowing for temporary events or cannabis lounges to OLCC. Allows licensed recreational marijuana producer or processor to offer tours to the public. Authorizes tour provider to partner with licensed recreational retailer to sell marijuana items during tour. Clarifies that delivery of marijuana items may be made to residence, hotel, or dwelling unit available for short-term or temporary occupancy. Authorizes delivery of marijuana within jurisdiction of city or county that prohibits establishment of marijuana-related businesses. Prohibits delivery of marijuana product to campus dormitory or similar residence. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregonians voted to legalize the production, sale, and consumption of medical marijuana in 1998 and recreational marijuana in 2014. Current statute prohibits the public consumption of marijuana. Senate Bill 639 allows for the consumption and sale of marijuana items at temporary events and cannabis lounges, subject to Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) regulation. It also allows for growers and processors to offer tours to adults and to partner with a retailer for on-site sales to tour patrons. The measure also clarifies where marijuana delivery is allowed.