

**SB 585 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Business and General Government**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Directs Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) to establish Cannabis Responsible Retailer Program to assist marijuana retailers in maintaining compliance with cannabis laws and rules. Prohibits OLCC from imposing discipline on marijuana retailer that participates in program. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

-1 Allows OLCC to establish process to expedite renewal of marijuana retailer license for retailer that participates in program.

**BACKGROUND:**

Oregonians voted to legalize the production, sale, and consumption of medical marijuana in 1998 and recreational marijuana in 2014. The Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) began issuing recreational marijuana licenses in April 2016. According to the OLCC, there are currently over 500 licensed recreational marijuana retailers in the state.

Senate Bill 585 requires the OLCC to establish a Cannabis Responsible Retailer Program. The program must include a list of positive measures that a licensed recreational retailer must take in order to remain in compliance with laws and rules, and the OLCC must allow any licensed retailer to participate in the program. The OLCC may not revoke, suspend, or deny issuance of a license to a retailer that participates in the program and takes all necessary measures specified by the program to ensure compliance.