HB 2723 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Economic Development

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Oregon Liquor Control Commission, in consultation with Oregon Health Authority, to create an Internet-based system for registry identification cardholders to order marijuana for medical use and have it delivered. Requires system to allow for delivery to all areas of the state. Becomes operative January 1, 2020. Takes effect 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon voters approved Ballot Measure 67 in 1998, allowing the medical use of marijuana in Oregon within specified limits. The law provides legal protections for qualified patients (registry identification cardholders), allows a caregiver to provide assistance to a patient, and mandates an Oregon Health Authority registration system. Cardholders may grow plants for themselves, designate a grower and grow site on their behalf, or purchase marijuana items from medical marijuana dispensaries or licensed recreational retail establishments.

Current statute allows licensed recreational marijuana producers, processors, and wholesalers to deliver marijuana items to a registry identification cardholder or designated primary caregiver. Licensed marijuana retailers may deliver to customers pursuant to an order placed at the retailer prior to delivery. Retailers must request approval from the Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) and follow delivery requirements set by rule. Orders must contain the requester's name, date of birth, the date delivery is requested, and address of residence for delivery; specify the marijuana items proposed for delivery; and a statement that the marijuana is for personal use and not for resale purposes.

Retailers are currently restricted to delivering marijuana items to locations within the same city, if the licensee is located within a city, or within unincorporated areas of the county, if the licensee is located in an unincorporated city or area within the county.

House Bill 2723 directs the OLCC to create an Internet-based system, in consultation with the Oregon Health Authority, for registry identification cardholders to order marijuana for medical use and have it delivered.