

SB 582 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes Governor or designee to make agreements with bordering states regarding coordination and enforcement of licensed marijuana-related businesses. Allows transportation of marijuana across state borders using methods not solely regulated by federal government. Requires agreement to include enforceable public health and safety standards and system to regulate and track marijuana items.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Production levels of marijuana in Oregon
- Federal prohibition on interstate transfer of marijuana
- Need for amendments
- Effects of measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Replaces measure. Provides conditions under which legislation becomes operable. Authorizes Governor to make agreements regarding coordination and enforcement of licensed marijuana-related businesses with any other state. Allows transportation of marijuana across state borders by marijuana producers, wholesalers, and researchers as authorized. Requires agreements to include enforceable public health, safety, and labeling standards and system to regulate and track marijuana items.

BACKGROUND:

Under ORS 475B.227(2), importing or exporting marijuana is prohibited. Depending on the severity, a violation of ORS 475.227 is treated as a Class B violation, a Class A misdemeanor, or a Class C felony.

Senate Bill 582 authorizes the Governor or his or her designee to enter into an agreement with a neighboring state for the coordination and enforcement of licensed marijuana-related businesses. Transportation directly between Oregon and bordering states could be allowed under the agreements. However, using an aircraft, or any other method solely regulated by the federal government would be prohibited. The relevant agreements must also include enforceable public health and safety standards as well as a system to regulate and track marijuana items.