

HB 3200 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Business and General Government

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires applicant for marijuana production license that does not own premises where marijuana will be produced to submit signed informed consent of owner of premises to Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

Requires applicant for marijuana grow site registration that does not own premises of grow site to submit signed informed consent from the owner of premises to Oregon Health Authority. Applies to applications for initial and renewed licenses and registrations received by Commission and Authority beginning January 1, 2020. Takes effect 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregonians voted to legalize the medical use of marijuana in 1998. Administered by the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), the medical marijuana program provides legal protections for qualified patients, allows caregivers to provide assistance to a patient, and allows patients grow their own medicine, designate a grower, or purchase marijuana from medical dispensaries or licensed recreational retail stores. In January 2019, OHA reported 12,408 registered grow sites.

Oregonians voted to legalize the production, sale, and consumption of recreational marijuana by persons 21 years or older in 2014. The Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) administers licensing for the recreational producers, processors, wholesalers, and retailers. Under the OLCC licensing process, applicants submit a license application in the online licensing system and pay an application fee. OLCC receives the application and a license investigator begins a completeness review, followed by a compliance review. An OLCC inspector also visits the site to determine compliance with physical requirements. The license is issued once all requirements are verified. Licenses must be renewed annually. As of March 21, 2019, OLCC has 1,124 active producer licenses.

House Bill 3200 requires an applicant for a marijuana production license or marijuana grow site registration that does not own the premises where marijuana will be produced or grown to submit the signed informed consent of the premises owner to OLCC or OHA.