A-Bill for an Act

Relating to a cannabis business certification program; and declaring an emergency.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, “cannabis” includes hemp and marijuana.
(2) The State Department of Agriculture shall advance the design of standards and identification of pilot sites for the implementation of a cannabis business certification program.
(3) The cannabis business certification program must promote market-based approaches that create incentives for cannabis business operations to use low-carbon cultivation techniques that use energy and water efficiently.
(4) The department may contract with a third-party nonprofit organization that has technical expertise in the measurement of and best practices associated with energy and water usage in cannabis businesses.

SECTION 2. The Oregon Liquor Control Commission shall allocate to the State Department of Agriculture, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, out of the Marijuana Control and Regulation Fund established under ORS 475B.296, the amount of $300,000 for the purposes described in section 1 of this 2019 Act.

SECTION 3. This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect July 1, 2019.