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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Provides that conditioning employment on refraining from using any substance that is lawful to use in this state is unlawful employment practice. Allows certain exemptions. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT Relating to unlawful employment practices; amending ORS 659A.315; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 659A.315 is amended to read:

5 659A.315. (1) It is an unlawful employment practice for any employer to require, as a condition

6 of employment, that any employee or prospective employee refrain from using [lawful tobacco pro-

7 ducts] a substance that is lawful to use under the laws of this state during nonworking hours,

8 except when the restriction relates to:

9 (a) A bona fide occupational [requirement.] qualification that relates to health and safety;
10 or

- 11 (b) The performance of work while impaired.
- 12 [(2) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply if an applicable collective bargaining agreement 13 prohibits off-duty use of tobacco products.]
- 14 (2) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply:
- (a) If an applicable collective bargaining agreement prohibits off-duty use of the sub stance;
- (b) To federal contractors or employers that receive federal grants that are subject to
 the federal Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (41 U.S.C. 8101 et seq.);
- (c) If the employer is required by federal law or regulation to test employees or pro spective employees for alcohol or drug use;
- (d) To public safety personnel, as defined in ORS 181A.355, and other providers of emer gency services, as defined in ORS 401.025;
- 23 (e) To a licensed health care professional, as defined in ORS 137.476;
- (f) To an operator of a public transit vehicle, as defined in ORS 166.116, or a taxi, while
 the operator is in control of or operating the vehicle or taxi; or
- 26 (g) To employees who perform job functions that may involve a risk of injury to others,

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1 including, but not limited to, construction work, the operation of heavy machinery or

2 equipment or the operation of a commercial vehicle, as defined in ORS 801.210, or a com-

3 mercial motor vehicle, as defined in ORS 801.208.

4 <u>SECTION 2.</u> This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public 5 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect 6 on its passage.

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