

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

**HB 4072
Relating to hemp**

HB 4072 creates the Oregon Hemp State Program in the Department of Agriculture. This replaces the current Oregon hemp registration program. The Department will adopt rules and implement a program that licenses hemp growers consistent with federal regulations.

For 2019-21, the Department will need four positions (2.52 FTE) to get the program underway. There will also be one-time start-up costs, including the purchase of two vehicles. The fiscal impact for 2019-21 is \$672,883 Other Funds, with a roll up to \$860,293 Other Funds for 2021-23. This program is funded by hemp grower license fees, grow site fees, and other license fees.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends HB 4072 be amended by the –A4 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.