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# Senate Committee on Health Care Medical Cannabis Overview

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Medical Marijuana Program

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# OHA Regulation of Marijuana

- Establish a program to issue registry identification cards to patients who have received a recommendation from a doctor to use medical marijuana to help with their debilitating medical condition.
- Establish effective registration, compliance and enforcement for dispensaries, growers and processors
- Provide compassionate and responsible access to medical marijuana products
- Define robust and comprehensive laboratory accreditation and testing standards

# Medical Marijuana Registry Program

- Began in 1998
- Provides a medical marijuana card to patients with:
  - Qualifying conditions; and
  - A recommendation for medical marijuana from an Attending Provider.
- Patients may designate a caregiver to assist them with growing and accessing medical marijuana.
- Patient may designate a grower to produce marijuana for them.

# Medical Marijuana Registry Program

## Patient Registration

- Required to apply annually
- Must pay a fee ranging from \$0 to \$200 (Reduced fee categories)
- Visit an Attending Provider and include the provider's signed approval
- Required to be a residence of Oregon

## Benefits

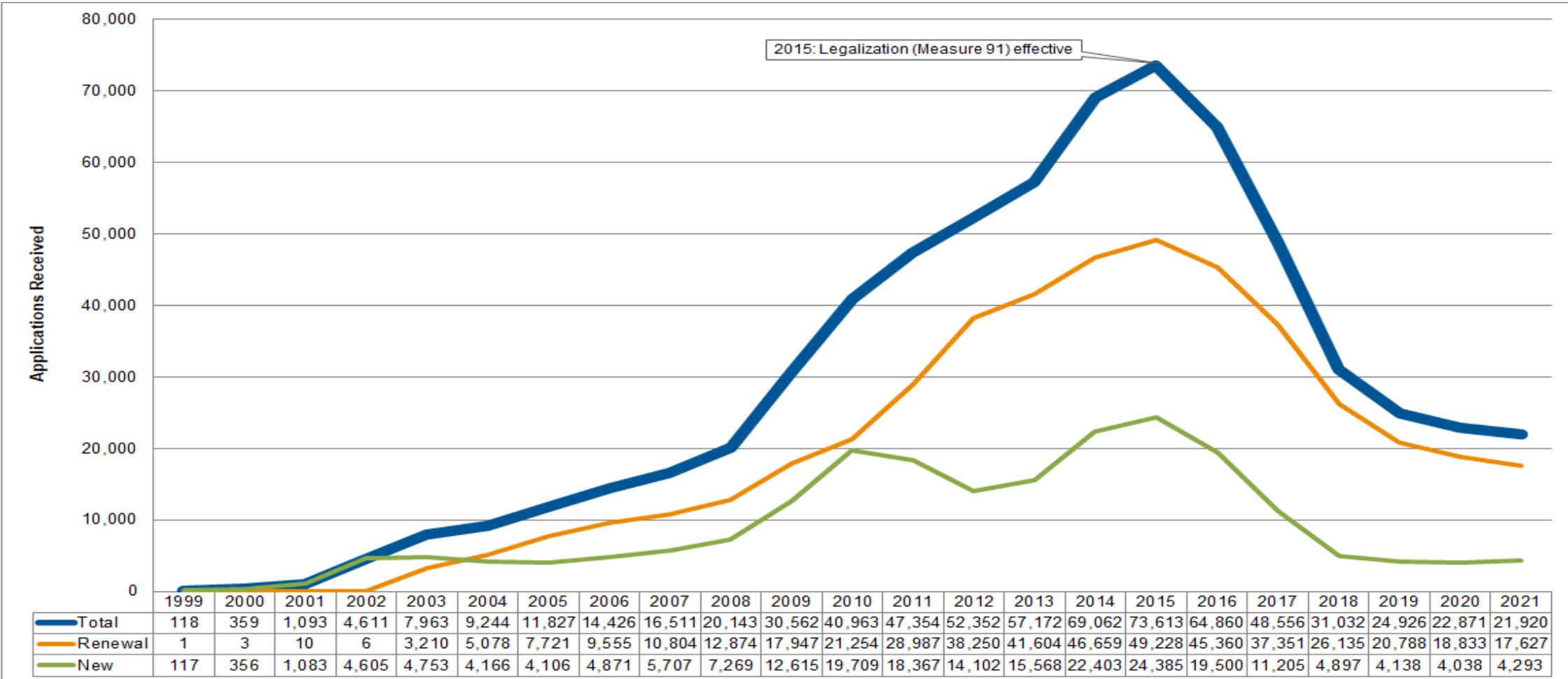
- Higher possession limits
- Able to grow more plants
- Higher potency products
- Tax free purchases

# Medical Marijuana Registry Program

- Applications have declined steadily since legalization
- The program saw a large increase in applications right before marijuana was legalized (July 2015).

	Patients		Caregivers		Growers		Grow Sites	
07/2015	72,517	-	35,864	-	46,292	-	34,094	-
07/2016	67,158	↓ -7%	29,934	↓ -17%	39,010	↓ -16%	26,943	↓ -21%
07/2017	61,867	↓ -8%	25,183	↓ -16%	33,351	↓ -15%	25,130	↓ -7%
07/2018	39,445	↓ -36%	15,593	↓ -38%	19,358	↓ -42%	15,933	↓ -37%
07/2019	27,037	↓ -32%	10,876	↓ -30%	11,991	↓ -38%	10,127	↓ -36%
07/2020	23,278	↓ -14%	8,885	↓ -18%	9,324	↓ -22%	7,775	↓ -23%
07/2021	22,718	↓ -2%	8,463	↓ -5%	8,029	↓ -14%	6,727	↓ -14%
07/2022	19,453	↓ -14%	7,237	↓ -14%	6,245	↓ -22%	5,373	↓ -20%

# OMMP Patient Applications



# Reduced Application Fee Qualification

- While overall applications have declined, the percentage of applicants who qualify for a reduced application fee due to being a Veteran, or receiving SSI, or OHP, has increased.

	No Reduced Fee Eligibility	SNAP	OHP	SSI	VET	VET Fee Waived
2012	59.9%	31.6%	2.5%	6.1%	N/A	N/A
2013	61.7%	27.7%	4.5%	6.2%	N/A	N/A
2014	56.4%	14.3%	22.4%	6.4%	0.4%	N/A
2015	56.4%	12.0%	25.0%	5.6%	1.1%	N/A
2016	51.7%	9.8%	25.0%	5.1%	8.4%	N/A
2017	49.1%	8.9%	25.0%	5.3%	11.7%	N/A
2018	46.5%	8.3%	25.3%	6.1%	13.8%	N/A
2019	44.6%	8.4%	26.5%	6.1%	14.3%	N/A
2020	42.5%	8.9%	29.1%	6.1%	13.4%	N/A
2021	41.5%	4.9%	35.1%	5.5%	12.9%	N/A
2022 (partial)	39.4%	5.5%	34.4%	6.4%	9.2%	5.1%

# Patients by Qualifying Condition

Condition	Count of Reporting Patients	Percentage of Reporting Patients
Severe Pain	16,548	85.1%
Spasms	3,908	20.1%
PTSD	3,439	17.7%
Nausea	2,139	11.0%
Neurological	1,250	6.4%
Cancer	1,144	5.9%
Seizures	616	3.2%
Glaucoma	294	1.5%
HIV/AIDS	224	1.2%
Cachexia	200	1.0%

*Conditions are not mutually exclusive; one patient may report one or more conditions.*

# Medical Dispensaries and Processing Sites

## Medical Dispensaries

- HB 3460 (2013 session) Authorized OHA to register and inspect dispensaries.
  - First applications received March 1, 2014
  - Currently one registered Medical Dispensary

## Medical Processors

- HB 3400 (2015 session) Authorized OHA to register and inspect processors.
  - First applications received April 1, 2016
  - Currently no registered Medical Processors

# OMMP Enforcement – Compliance Inspections and Investigations

## Grow sites

- Inspect grow sites of the person responsible for the marijuana grow site (PRMG)
- Inspect the records of the PRMG
- Physical count of plants

## Dispensaries and Processing Sites

- Inspect the premises of a proposed or registered location
- Records of the location

## Investigations

If OHA, after an investigation or receipt of a complaint, determines that a violation of the OMMA or OMMP's rules has occurred OMMP may provide information to state or local law enforcement agency with jurisdiction.

# Medical Marijuana Grow Site Tracking

Growers are required to report into the Cannabis Tracking System (CTS) or the Online Medical Marijuana System (OMMOS), unless they are exempt from reporting.

- CTS is required at a grow site where there are 3 or more patients.
- OMMOS is required at a grow sites with two or fewer patients where the grower does not meet the exemption requirement.
- A grower is exempt from reporting in either system if they are a patient only growing for themselves, there are less than 12 mature plants and 24 immature plants, and they are not transferring to a medical processor or dispensary.

Grow site reporting system	Count of distinct grow site addresses
CTS	344
OMMOS	483
Exempt	4,546
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,373</b>

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**Thank You**

Questions?

