

**HB 2416 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On General Government**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Directs State Department of Agriculture to design a cannabis business certification program and requires the Oregon Liquor Control Commission to allocate \$150,000 out of the Marijuana Control and Regulation Fund for these purposes. Requires that the business certification program incentivize cannabis business operations to adopt low-carbon cultivation techniques and efficient use of water and energy. Takes effect 91<sup>st</sup> day after adjournment sine die.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Marijuana Control and Regulation Fund is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund, under Oregon Revised Statute 475B.296. Monies in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Oregon Liquor Control Commission to administer and enforce the commission's regulatory duties.

House Bill 2416 directs the State Department of Agriculture to design a cannabis business certification program, incentivizing low-carbon and energy efficient operations, funded by monies allocated out of the Marijuana Control and Regulation Fund.