House Bill 2416
Sponsored by Representative HELM; Senator PROZANSKI (Presession filed.)

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 as introduced.

Directs State Department of Agriculture to advance design of cannabis business certification program. Directs Oregon Liquor Control Commission to allocate moneys from Marijuana Control and Regulation Fund to department for purposes of cannabis business certification program. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT
Relating to cannabis business practices; and prescribing an effective date.

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 ending June 30, 2023, out of the Marijuana Control and Regulation Fund established under ORS 475B.296, the amount of $150,000 for the purposes described in section 1 of this 2021 Act.

SECTION 3. (1) Sections 1 and 2 of this 2021 Act become operative on January 1, 2022.

(2) The Oregon Liquor Control Commission and the State Department of Agriculture may take any action before the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable the commission and the department to exercise, on and after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, functions and powers conferred on the commission and the department by sections 1 and 2 of this 2021 Act.

SECTION 4. This 2021 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2021 regular session of the Eighty-first Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

NOTE: Matter in boldfaced type in an amended section is new; matter [italic and bracketed] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in boldfaced type.

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