

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 2646 Relating to kratom

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Natural Resources Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Frederick

HB 2646 creates the Oregon Kratom Consumer Protection Act.

The measure regulates processors and sellers of kratom, including labeling requirements and age restrictions for purchasing kratom products. The measure requires the Department of Agriculture to adopt rules establishing standards for testing to ensure kratom product is safe for human consumption and standards for accurate labeling to ensure safe and effective use of a kratom product by consumers, including a recommended serving size.

A General Fund appropriation of \$1,099,977 and four positions are included for ODA to begin rule making and lab testing. The measure establishes the registration fee for processors and links annual increases to the Consumer Price Index. Due to a low number of known processors, it is unlikely that registration revenue will be sufficient to fully fund the program, and ongoing General Fund will be required. Other Funds limitation is provided to the Department of Justice for an Assistant Attorney General position to assist ODA.

A budget note is included directing the Department of Agriculture to report back in the 2022 legislative session on progress of the program before it becomes fully operational on July 1, 2022.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends HB 2646 be amended by the –A7 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.