

SB 1587 -2, -3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110 Implementation

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Permits lien on premises that an owner has used or permitted to be used for unlawful hemp growing operations, enforceable by district attorneys. Adds licensure requirement for cannabis samplers and testers. Provides for transfer of marijuana retail license for relocating to outside a school zone. Establishes operative date of Jan. 1, 2023, for provisions regarding liens. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Increased quantities of illegal cannabis are being seized
- Greater need for coordination between multiple jurisdictions and law enforcement agencies
- Workers suffer Inhumane living conditions
- Ballot Measure 110 redistributed Marijuana Account money

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Replaces the measure. Expands Illegal Marijuana Market Enforcement Grant Program Fund (IMMEGPF) to permit grants awarded by the Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) directly to community-based organizations. Allocates \$3.25 million quarterly from Oregon Marijuana Account to the CJC for deposit into the IMMEGPF, and \$750 thousand quarterly to the CJC for costs incurred in awarding grants to community-based organizations. Repeals fund termination date of Jan. 2, 2024. Requires interim reporting. Increases limit on funds received by the CJC to \$4.5 million for financial assistance to community-based organizations. Provides a one-time transfer from the General Fund of \$25 million to cities and \$25 million to counties, and specifies distribution and eligibility criteria. Effective July 1, 2023 for provisions regarding transfers from the Marijuana Account. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

-3 Replaces the measure. Incorporates the -2 amendments, except provisions repealing the termination date of the IMMEGPF. Extends the IMMEGPF expiration date to June 30, 2025, and specifies the last payment from the Marijuana Account to the IMMEGPF will be in the fiscal quarter beginning April 1, 2025. Effective date of July 1, 2023 for provisions regarding transfers from the Marijuana Account. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

BACKGROUND:

Growing and processing agricultural hemp and cannabis in Oregon is legal for licensed businesses in compliance with state rules and laws, but growing numbers of Illegal cannabis operations are straining law enforcement resources and are associated with water theft and inhumane working conditions.

Senate Bill 1587 provides for a lien on premises that an owner has used or permitted to be used for unlawful hemp growing operations, makes lien enforceable by district attorneys, adds licensure requirement for cannabis samplers and testers, and provides for transfer of a marijuana retail license for relocating outside a school zone.