

## HB 4074 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### House Committee On Economic Recovery and Prosperity

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**Action Date:** 02/14/22

**Action:** Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.  
(Printed A-Eng.)

**Vote:** 10-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 10 - Bonham, Cate, Hudson, Kropf, Levy, Lively, Prusak, Ruiz, Wallan, Witt

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** Revenue impact issued

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/2, 2/7, 2/9, 2/14

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires marijuana industry workers to report to the Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission (OLCC) and law enforcement if the person has a reasonable belief that sex trafficking, human trafficking, or the prohibited employment of a minor is occurring on the licensed premises. Creates human trafficking coordinator position within OLCC. Authorizes OLCC to allow a marijuana retailer mistakenly licensed to operate within 1,000 feet of a school to relocate without reapplying for a new license. Requires person working for an OLCC licensed laboratory, or participating in marijuana sampling or testing, to have a marijuana worker permit. Requires rebuttal testing done to prove that cannabis plant has acceptable concentration of THC be done by OLCC staff in OLCC facility. Appropriates an undetermined amount of money to an undetermined entity from the General Fund for the current biennium to support community-based organizations responding to the humanitarian crises associated with illegal marijuana operations. Removes sunset on the Illegal Marijuana Market Enforcement Grant Program administered by the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission. Makes conforming statutory changes. Sets operative dates. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current state of marijuana industry
- Need for additional resources for humanitarian relief related to illegal marijuana grows
- Potential amendments
- Effects of measure

#### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Removes sunset on Illegal Marijuana Market Enforcement Grant Program administered by the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission. Requires annual report to Legislative Assembly on Program. Removes \$2 million allocation to the Illegal Marijuana Market Enforcement Grant Program. Appropriates an unspecified amount of money to an unspecified entity for financial assistance to community-based organizations that are responding to the humanitarian crises associated with unlawful marijuana cultivation and distribution operations.

#### BACKGROUND:

The production, processing, and sale of marijuana and hemp is legal under Oregon law. The Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission (OLCC) has primary responsibility for regulating marijuana while the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) regulates hemp. To produce marijuana or hemp, the grower must be licensed by the regulating agency. Processors, wholesalers, and retailers are also subject to licensing. Marijuana and hemp must be tested at several stages, both for contamination, and, in the case of hemp, to ensure the concentration of THC is not above the .3 percent limit imposed by state and federal law.

## **HB 4074 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

House Bill 4074 A requires marijuana industry workers to report suspected human or sex trafficking; authorizes OLCC to allow retailers mistakenly licensed within 1000 feet of a school to relocate without reapplying for a new license; removes the sunset on the Illegal Marijuana Market Grant Enforcement Program; provides additional funding to community-based organizations responding to the humanitarian crises associated with illegal marijuana operations; and makes other substantive and technical changes to the statutes regulating cannabis in Oregon.