

## **SB 766 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

### **Senate Committee On Judiciary**

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Creates an additional category of grants in the Illegal Marijuana Market Enforcement Grant Program, to provide financial assistance to the Department of State Police for costs incurred in addressing illegal cannabis operations, including equipment, contract services, and personnel expenses related to the investigation and prosecution of illegal cannabis operations. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

##### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

##### **BACKGROUND:**

The Task Force on Cannabis-Derived Intoxicants was created by House Bill 3000 (2021), and then expanded to include Illegal Cannabis Operations in Senate Bill 1564 (2021) to recommend legislative changes supporting law enforcement's response to illegal cannabis operations. The Task Force agreed upon several recommendations, including those contained in Senate Bill 766.

In 2018, Senate Bill 1544 established the Illegal Marijuana Market Enforcement Grant Program Fund to assist local law enforcement agencies in their efforts to address illegal marijuana markets and operations. The Criminal Justice Commission administers and awards the grants, based on statutorily designated priority levels. The Oregon State Police grants would be in the last of 6 priority categories under the measure.

Senate Bill 766 would add a category of Illegal Marijuana Market Enforcement grants for costs incurred by the Oregon State Police in addressing illegal cannabis operations.