HB 3049 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Business and Labor

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Meeting Dates: 3/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission (OLCC) to establish annual registration program and labeling requirements for industrial hemp commodity or product that contains cannabinoids and is intended for human or animal consumption. Becomes operative on January 1, 2024. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2021, the Legislative Assembly passed House Bill 3000 which established the Task Force on Cannabis-Derived Intoxicants to consider regulation of intoxicating cannabis-derived products, consolidation of administrative functions, methods to prevent sales to minors, testing and enforcement requirements, changes to state policies and regulations, and input from marijuana and industrial hemp industries. The Task Force created a Cannabinoid Subcommittee (Subcommittee) to address cannabis testing, tacking requirements, ways to ensure children are not able to purchase intoxicating cannabis products, and current regulations regarding artificially derived cannabinoids. The Subcommittee emphasized balancing regulations to avoid disadvantaging Oregon manufacturers in the national market, while still recognizing the importance of centering public health and safety in finished product regulations. The Subcommittee recommended the creation of a scalable, fee-based annual product registration administered by the Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission (OLCC) for all hemp items for human and animal consumption that contain cannabinoids, excluding topical products and grain or fiber hemp products that do not contain added cannabinoids.

House Bill 3049 establishes an annual registration program and labeling requirements for industrial hemp commodity or product that contains cannabinoids and is intended for human or animal consumption. The measure specifies the information required to be submitted with the registration, as well the information required to be on the label for an industrial hemp commodity or product that contains cannabinoids and is intended for human or animal consumption. HB 3049 appropriates \$256,000 to establish the registration.