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To: Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee

From: Michelle Deister, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: May 5, 2023

Subject: HB 2931A– Relating to cannabis
Work Session Recommendations

HB 2931A directs the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) to establish a cannabis reference laboratory, and allows for testing to determine compliance with cannabis laws. The measure includes conforming provisions related to definitions, testing provisions, and powers and duties of the Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission (OLCC).

The measure was unanimously voted out “Do pass” by the House Judiciary Committee and referred to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, because of its impact on agency budgets.

The Legislative Fiscal Office is recommending Policy Option Package 418 in the OLCC’s budget, which transfers \$2.3 million in cannabis licensing revenue to ODA for the purchase of equipment and for operating costs associated with the lab in the 2023-25 biennium.

Approval of this measure will result in the incorporation of expenditure limitation and position authority for the reference lab in ODA’s budget.

There are no recommended amendments to HB 2931A. The Fiscal Impact Statement for the Measure is available on OLIS.

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that HB 2931A, be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

MOTION: I move HB 2931A to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation.
(VOTE)

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

Senate Floor: _____