

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 2931 Relating to cannabis

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Gomberg

HB 2931 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 reference lab will provide independent confirmation of private lab test results for potency, pesticides, and purity of cannabis and related products, helping to ensure truth in labeling and enhancing consumer safety. 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.

The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends HB 2931 be reported out do pass.