

A-Engrossed
Senate Bill 1061

Ordered by the Senate April 13
Including Senate Amendments dated April 13

Sponsored by Senator PROZANSKI (at the request of Oregon Cannabis Commission)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Directs Oregon Cannabis Commission, Oregon Health Authority[,] **and** Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission [*and Department of Revenue*] to work collaboratively to **determine framework for continued governance of statutes related to medical cannabis** and ensure access to cannabis for Oregonians[,] **and, once every two years, submit report to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to health care and judiciary.**

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to the Oregon Cannabis Commission; creating new provisions; amending ORS 475C.939; and
3 declaring an emergency.

4 Whereas the Oregon Cannabis Commission is tasked with determining a possible framework for
5 the future governance of the Oregon Medical Marijuana Program; and

6 Whereas the Oregon Cannabis Commission is a body of members who are appointed by the
7 Governor and serve as advisors to the Oregon Health Authority and the Oregon Liquor and
8 Cannabis Commission in matters relating to cannabis for medical use; and

9 Whereas the Oregon Cannabis Commission is tasked with creating a long-term strategic plan to
10 ensure that cannabis remains accessible and affordable; and

11 Whereas the Oregon Cannabis Commission has determined that the adult use recreational
12 cannabis program does not adequately meet the needs of those Oregonians who engage in the med-
13 ical use of cannabis as part of their regular health care strategy, that changes to the adult use
14 recreational cannabis program fall short in attempting to grant access for all Oregonians to the full
15 range of cannabinoid products and that oversight of cannabis testing is needed to ensure all
16 cannabis products are safe and reliable; and

17 Whereas the Oregon Cannabis Commission recommends that the Legislative Assembly, in coor-
18 dination with the Oregon Cannabis Commission, the Oregon Health Authority, the Oregon Liquor
19 and Cannabis Commission and the Department of Revenue, take steps to explore alternative ap-
20 proaches to accessing cannabis for medical use, including the reduction of costs, and to ensure that
21 access to medical cannabis testing and to processing services is available for registry identification
22 cardholders and designated primary caregivers who produce cannabis products for personal use;
23 now, therefore,

24 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

25 **SECTION 1.** ORS 475C.939 is amended to read:

26 475C.939. (1) In addition to any other duty prescribed by law, the Oregon Cannabis Commission

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 shall:

2 [(1)] (a) Provide advice to the Oregon Health Authority with respect to the administration of
3 ORS 475C.770 to 475C.919;

4 [(2)] (b) Provide advice to the Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission with respect to the ad-
5 ministration of ORS 475C.005 to 475C.525, insofar as those statutes pertain to registry identification
6 cardholders and designated primary caregivers, as those terms are defined in ORS 475C.777;

7 [(3)] (c) Develop a long-term strategic plan for ensuring that cannabis will remain a therapeutic
8 option for persons with debilitating medical conditions as defined in ORS 475C.777;

9 [(4)] (d) Develop a long-term strategic plan for ensuring that cannabis will remain affordable for
10 persons with debilitating medical conditions as defined in ORS 475C.777; and

11 [(5)] (e) Monitor and study federal laws, regulations and policies regarding marijuana.

12 (2) **The Oregon Cannabis Commission, the Oregon Health Authority and the Oregon Li-
13 quor and Cannabis Commission shall work collaboratively to:**

14 (a) **Determine the optimal framework for the continued governance and administration
15 of ORS 475C.770 to 475C.919 and steps that the state must take, whether administrative or
16 legislative in nature, to continue to provide safe and affordable access to cannabis and
17 cannabis-derived products; and**

18 (b) **Once every two years, submit a report in the manner provided in ORS 192.245 to the
19 interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health care and the judiciary on
20 the status of the governance and administration of ORS 475C.770 to 475C.919 and the progress
21 the Oregon Cannabis Commission has made, since the immediately preceding report submit-
22 ted as described in this paragraph, in carrying out the commission's duties described in this
23 section and as otherwise determined by the commission. As part of the report described in
24 this paragraph, the commission may make recommendations for legislation.**

25 (3) **As necessary to carry out the duties described in subsection (2) of this section, the
26 Oregon Cannabis Commission may collaborate and consult with the chairpersons of the
27 committees and interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health care and
28 the judiciary.**

29 **SECTION 2.** The Oregon Cannabis Commission shall first report as described in ORS
30 475C.939 not later than September 15, 2024.

31 **SECTION 3.** This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
32 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect
33 on its passage.

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