

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 2645B Relating to Controlled Substances

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Public Safety Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Sollman

HB 2645 creates the crime of possession of a Schedule II controlled substance if a person possesses more than one gram, or five or more user units of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of fentanyl, or derivative of fentanyl defined by the State Board of Pharmacy as a Class A misdemeanor.

In addition, the measure adds the unit measurements of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of fentanyl for purposes of calculating the crime category level when delivering or manufacturing fentanyl. The measure declares an emergency and takes effect upon passage.

There is a minimal fiscal impact to the Department of Corrections with the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission anticipating an additional 10 felony convictions in the 2023-25 biennium. There is an indeterminate fiscal impact to the Public Defense Services Commission and Counties.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends HB 2645 be reported out do pass.