

SB 1111 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure replaces the word 'marijuana' with 'cannabis' in all Oregon laws containing the term and directs agencies to change the term in administrative rules.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Background, stigma and connotations of term "marijuana"
- California, Maine, Vermont, Washington, and Hawaii have changed terminology
- Industrial hemp's federal requirements and its oversight by the Oregon Department of Agriculture
- Potential implementation costs for the Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 The amendment corrects the measure's changes to Section 2, chapter 16, Oregon Laws 2024, revising the term "cannabis plant" to just "plant," in provisions regarding administrative determinations on the distinction between cannabis and industrial hemp.

BACKGROUND:

Cannabis is a genus of flowering plants in the family Cannabaceae. Oregon law defines marijuana as "the plant Cannabis family Cannabaceae, any part of the plant Cannabis family Cannabaceae and marijuana seeds" and does not include industrial hemp. ORS 475C.009(23)(a)-(b). Industrial hemp is defined by as the plant species Cannabis sativa and any part thereof that contains an average total tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) concentration that does not exceed 0.3 percent on a dry weight basis. ORS 571.269; OAR 603-048-0010 (25).