

HB 3553 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure creates the Class C felony crime of possessing, purchasing, making, delivering or selling a pill press or similar equipment. It further provides that it be designated a crime category 6 of the sentencing guidelines grid of the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission. The measure declares an emergency and is effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In Oregon, every person who manufactures, delivers or dispenses any controlled substance within this state or who proposes to engage in the manufacture, delivery or dispensing of any controlled substance within this state, must obtain annually a registration issued by the State Board of Pharmacy in accordance with its rules. A pill press is a mechanical device that compresses powder into pills or tablets of uniform size and weight and can be used with a wide variety of materials, including pharmaceuticals, nutraceuticals, cleaning products, industrial pellets and cosmetics.