

SCR 202 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Rules

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Meeting Dates: 2/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure urges Oregonians to avoid the use of psychoactive drugs, from any source, except as needed for legitimate medical purposes. It also states that the licensing of marijuana facilities by the Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission should not be taken as an official endorsement by the State of Oregon, and urges Oregonians to avoid patronizing these facilities, except as needed for legitimate medical purposes.

Fiscal impact: A statement has not yet been issued.

Revenue impact: A statement has not yet been issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) categorizes marijuana, fentanyl, heroin, methamphetamine, and cocaine as Schedule I Controlled Substances, defined as being drugs with no currently accepted medical use and a high potential for abuse.

In Oregon, House Bill 4002 (2024) established a drug enforcement misdemeanor crime of possession of a controlled substance.

The Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission (OLCC)

The OLCC regulates the production, processing, and sale of recreational marijuana, through the Control, Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana and Industrial Hemp Act, and regulates the production, processing and sale of medical products sold to Oregon Medical Marijuana Program cardholders in OLCC licensed marijuana retail shops. It is also responsible for regulating the sale and service of alcoholic beverages by administering the state's Liquor Control Act.