

Senate Concurrent Resolution 202

Sponsored by Senator ROBINSON, Representative RESCHKE (Presession filed.)

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 **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: Warns of the dangers of drug use and urges people not to use them except for medical reasons. (Flesch Readability Score: 71.0).

Urges Oregonians to avoid the use of psychoactive drugs except as needed for legitimate medical purposes.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas psychoactive drugs such as marijuana, fentanyl, heroin, methamphetamine and cocaine present serious risks to those who use them and can lead to many adverse health effects including dependency and addiction, permanent IQ loss and the impairment of fetal development, and even to death; and

Whereas the use of psychoactive drugs can impair a driver or machine operator's coordination, judgment, reaction time and decision-making, and it is illegal to drive while under the influence of psychoactive drugs; and

Whereas Oregon has seen a sharp increase in drug-impaired driving fatalities since the legalization of recreational marijuana, with the number of fatal crashes in this state related solely to the use of psychoactive drugs increasing from 56 in 2015 to 188 in 2022, and the number related to a combination of alcohol and drug use increasing from 32 to 148 in the same time period; and

Whereas it is a misdemeanor crime to possess even small amounts of most psychoactive drugs in Oregon; and

Whereas while the Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission operates a licensing program for marijuana production and distribution outlets, this does not equate to explicit approval of recreational drug use by the State of Oregon; and

Whereas Oregonians are better off when they do not make a habit of ingesting psychoactive drugs; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

That we, the members of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly, urge Oregonians to avoid the use of psychoactive drugs from any source except as needed for legitimate medical purposes; and be it further

Resolved, 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 we urge Oregonians to avoid patronizing these facilities except as needed for legitimate medical purposes.

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.