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To: Ways and Means Full Committee

From: Human Services Subcommittee

Re: HB 2198 Relating to cannabis

Representative Rayfield: “HB 2198 establishes the nine-member Oregon Cannabis Commission within the Oregon Health Authority. The overall purpose of the Commission is to determine a possible framework for the future governance of the Oregon Medical Marijuana Program and steps the state must take to ensure that research on cannabis and cannabis-derived products is being conducted for public purposes.

The bill requires the Commission to provide advice to OHA and the Oregon Liquor Control Commission with respect to the administration and enforcement of medical marijuana and develop long-term strategic plans for ensuring cannabis will remain a therapeutic and affordable option for people with debilitating medical conditions. The Commission must report its recommendations to the Legislature by December 15, 2017. In order to support the Commission’s responsibilities, the bill appropriates \$250,000 General Fund to OHA.

The bill also modifies statutes regulating marijuana grow sites, including allowing marijuana grow sites to transfer up to 20 pounds of usable marijuana per year to a recreational marijuana processor or wholesaler if certain conditions are met. The bill authorizes OLCC to issue an order to temporarily reduce or suspend the amount of marijuana that can be transferred into the recreational market by OMMP growers if supply exceeds customer demand and if the market will not self-correct.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends HB 2198 be amended by the –A40 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.”