

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 585 - A

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Measure Description:

Directs Oregon Liquor Control Commission to establish Responsible Cannabis Retailer Program to assist marijuana retailers in maintaining compliance with cannabis laws and rules.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure may require budgetary action - See analysis.

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

	2019-21 Biennium	2021-23 Biennium
Other Funds	105,951	128,351
Total Funds	\$105,951	\$128,351
Positions	1	1
FTE	0.75	1.00

Analysis:

SB 585 - A directs the Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) to establish a Cannabis Responsible Retailer Program. Participants in the program will be given a list of measures they should take to avoid sales to minors. A licensed retailer participating in the program who takes all steps required by OLCC cannot have their license revoked, suspended, or denied if a retail employee sells marijuana to minors.

OLCC anticipates that most of the 628 active marijuana retail locations will participate in the Cannabis Responsible Retailer Program. Implementation of the program will require drafting and processing application packets, in addition to ongoing support for licensees and investigations into compliance.

Implementation of this measure is anticipated to cost \$105,951 Other Funds in 2019-21 and \$128,351 Other Funds in 2021-23. These costs are related to a new Administrative Specialist 1 position; most work done by this position will occur in the first year of the program when applications are developed and submitted, but OLCC anticipates ongoing program support needs. Regulatory costs of the OLCC related to recreational marijuana producers, wholesalers and consumers are funded through licensing fees, pursuant to statute. The extent to which licensing fees may increase to provide financial support for the development and oversight of this program will be influenced by the number of participants and the degree of compliance.