

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

**Department of Agriculture
Cannabis Funding Report**

On February 3rd, the Natural Resources Subcommittee recommended acknowledging receipt of a report from the Department of Agriculture on cannabis funding.

Currently, the Department does not have an appropriate revenue source to support laboratory expenditures related to the testing of cannabis in cases that are referred by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission and Oregon Health Authority.

The report outlines two potential options to provide funding:

- 1) Adjustment to the total amount of marijuana tax revenue available for administration prior to distribution, which currently goes to the Department of Revenue, Criminal Justice Commission, and OLCC.
- 2) Include a license surcharge on the annual fee paid by cannabis license holders. This would increase the marijuana license fees collected by OLCC, who would then transfer an appropriate amount to cover ODA's lab expenses.

Both options require statutory changes, and it is anticipated that as the 2021-23 budget is being developed, ODA and OLCC will determine which funding mechanism is the most appropriate and include that in their respective budget requests.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends approval.