

HB 2982 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On General Government

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Prohibits Oregon Liquor Control Commission from imposing discipline on licensee or licensee representatives for violations caused by theft. Applies to violations occurring on and after effective date.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The purposes of ORS 475B.010 to 475B.545 are to establish a comprehensive regulatory framework concerning marijuana under existing state law, with the goals of eliminating the problems caused by the prohibition and uncontrolled manufacture, delivery, and possession of marijuana within this state; protecting the safety, welfare, health, and peace of the people of this state by prioritizing this state's limited law enforcement resources in the most effective, consistent, and rational way; and permitting persons licensed, controlled, and regulated by this state to legally manufacture and sell marijuana to persons 21 years of age and older.

Statute also allows disciplinary measures to be enforced for regulatory violations. For example, ORS 475B.186 authorizes the Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) to restrict, suspend, or refuse to renew a license if the commission concludes that a licensee has purchased or received a marijuana item from an unlicensed source or sold, stored, or transferred a marijuana item in a manner that is not permitted by the license. ORS 475B.416 authorizes the OLCC to impose civil penalties for each violation of a provision of ORS 475B.010 to 475B.545 or a rule adopted under ORS 475B.010 to 475B.545, not exceeding \$10,000 for each violation.

House Bill 2982 prohibits the OLCC from imposing discipline on a licensee or a licensee representative for violations that are a result of theft.