

HB 2263 -1, -2, -4, -5, -6 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On General Government

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Meeting Dates: 2/2, 2/18, 3/23, 3/30, 4/6

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Oregon Liquor Control Commission to study recreational tracking system and tracking requirements in the state. Requires commission to submit a report to the Legislative Assembly no later than December 31, 2021. Sunsets provisions on January 2, 2022. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Prohibits the Oregon Liquor Control Commission from requiring the use of individual plant tags for purposes of marijuana tracking. Authorizes a licensed marijuana producer or marijuana processor to establish an internal inventory tracking system to track the propagation or production of marijuana by batch. Defines 'batch' of marijuana or cannabinoid product.

-2 Authorizes a licensed marijuana producer or marijuana processor to establish an internal inventory tracking system to track the propagation or production of marijuana beginning January 1, 2022. Allows tracking by "batch" as defined by OLCC rule. Prohibits OLCC from requiring the use of individual plant tags for purposes of marijuana tracking beginning July 1, 2022.

-4 Authorizes a licensed marijuana producer or marijuana processor to establish an internal inventory tracking system to track the propagation or production of marijuana beginning January 1, 2022. Allows tracking by "batch" as defined by OLCC rule. Prohibits OLCC from requiring the use of individual plant tags beginning July 1, 2023.

-5 Authorizes a licensed marijuana producer or marijuana processor to establish an internal inventory tracking system to track the propagation or production of marijuana beginning January 1, 2022. Allows tracking by "batch" as defined by OLCC rule. Prohibits OLCC from requiring the use of individual plant tags unless no alternative system of tracking is available at a reasonable cost beginning July 1, 2023.

-6 Directs OLCC to develop plan to address costs of tracking marijuana in the state. Requires plan to include tracking systems and requirements of other states, methods to reduce business costs, and alternatives to individual tagging of marijuana plants. Requires commission to report to the Legislative Assembly no later than June 30, 2022.

BACKGROUND:

In implementing Ballot Measure 91 (2014), the Legislative Assembly added an explicit statutory requirement for the Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) to create a "seed-to-sale" tracking system as part of the state's regulatory and enforcement system. Oregon law enacted in 2015 required the OLCC to develop and maintain a marijuana tracking system to prevent diversion, prevent substitution or tampering, ensure accurate product accounting, ensure accurate reporting of laboratory results, and ensure compliance with licensing requirements. The system is required to track the propagation, production, processing, receiving, storing, delivering, sale, purchase, and transfer of marijuana items by all recreational licensees.

Statutory changes made in 2017 added medical grow sites for three or more registry identification cardholders; marijuana processing sites; and medical marijuana dispensaries to the OLCC tracking system and its requirements for the purpose of tracking the propagation, production, processing, and transfer of medical marijuana items.

This summary has not been adopted or officially endorsed by action of the committee.

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House Bill 2263 directs the Oregon Liquor Control Commission to study the recreational marijuana tracking system and tracking requirements in the state, and provide a report to the Legislative Assembly no later than December 31, 2021.