

SB 157 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Tax Expenditures

Meeting Dates: 3/29, 4/7

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Enacts express sunset for exemption of medical marijuana registry cardholder or primary caregiver from tax imposed on retail sale of marijuana items. Applies to retail sales of marijuana items occurring on or after January 1, 2016, and before January 1, 2028.

REVENUE: Revenue impact issued

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Tax credit review process
- Amount of revenue lost with tax exemption

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2014, Oregon voters passed Measure 91 legalizing recreational marijuana for people ages 21 and older. In 2015, the Legislative Assembly passed House Bill 2041 which imposed a 17 percent retail sales tax on marijuana items sold in the state. Senate Bill 1601 created an exemption from the sales tax for medical marijuana registry cardholders.

Senate Bill 157 enacts an express sunset for the medical marijuana registry cardholders from the retail sales tax on marijuana items.