

SB 307 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On General Government

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Oregon Health Authority to waive fees for the issuance or renewal of a medical marijuana card for veterans who have total disability rating of at least 50 percent as result of injury or illness incurred or aggravated during active military service, and who received discharge or release under other than dishonorable conditions.

Senate vote: Ayes, 28; Excused, 2--Heard, Thatcher.

Minimal fiscal impact; no revenue impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon voters approved Ballot Measure 67 in 1998 allowing the medical use of marijuana in Oregon within specified limits. Under the Oregon Medical Marijuana Program, qualified patients (“registry identification cardholders”) may grow plants for themselves, designate a grower and grow site on their behalf, or purchase marijuana items from medical marijuana dispensaries or licensed recreational retail establishments. As of January 2021, there were 22,603 registered cardholders in the Oregon Medical Marijuana Program.

Senate Bill 307 requires the Oregon Health Authority to waive fees for the issuance or renewal of a medical marijuana registry identification card for qualified disabled veterans.