

HB 2516 -3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Economic Development and Small Business

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission (OLCC) to adopt rules to allow small-scale marijuana producers to sell marijuana items directly to consumers. Requires OLCC adopt rules to permit delivery of marijuana items by licensed marijuana retailer to consumer at hotel or inn. Allows licensed marijuana wholesaler to sell or transfer marijuana items to licensed marijuana retailer at trade show or similar event. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-3 Allows qualifying marijuana producer to operate cannabis tourism center. Allows for tours, samples and consumption at cannabis tourism center within limitations.

BACKGROUND:

Marijuana is regulated by the Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission (OLCC) since voters approved Measure 91 in November 2014. OLCC is the agency responsible for the sale of recreational marijuana in Oregon through the Control, Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana and Industrial Hemp Act. The agency also regulates the production, processing and sale of medical products sold to Oregon Medical Marijuana Program (OMMP) cardholders in Commission licensed marijuana retail shops.

Under current law marijuana for recreational use must be purchased at an OLCC licensed retail location. Gifting or giveaways of marijuana is legal as long as there is no financial consideration.

House Bill 2516 allows for a small-scale producer of marijuana to sell items produced at their licensed production location directly to consumers. This measure restricts the commission's rule making authority so that rules made about delivery by the commission must allow for marijuana to be delivered to a hotel or inn.