

Senate Bill 1061

Sponsored by Senator PROZANSKI (at the request of Oregon Cannabis Commission)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Directs Oregon Cannabis Commission, Oregon Health Authority, Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission and Department of Revenue to work collaboratively to ensure access to cannabis for Oregonians.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to the Oregon Cannabis Commission; and declaring an emergency.

3 Whereas the Oregon Cannabis Commission is tasked with determining a possible framework for
4 the future governance of the Oregon Medical Marijuana Program; and

5 Whereas the Oregon Cannabis Commission is a body of members who are appointed by the
6 Governor and serve as advisors to the Oregon Health Authority and the Oregon Liquor and
7 Cannabis Commission in matters relating to cannabis for medical use; and

8 Whereas the Oregon Cannabis Commission is tasked with creating a long-term strategic plan to
9 ensure that cannabis remains accessible and affordable; and

10 Whereas the Oregon Cannabis Commission has determined that the adult use recreational
11 cannabis program does not adequately meet the needs of those Oregonians who engage in the med-
12 ical use of cannabis as part of their regular health care strategy, that changes to the adult use
13 recreational cannabis program fall short in attempting to grant access for all Oregonians to the full
14 range of cannabinoid products and that oversight of cannabis testing is needed to ensure all
15 cannabis products are safe and reliable; and

16 Whereas the Oregon Cannabis Commission recommends that the Legislative Assembly, in coor-
17 dination with the Oregon Cannabis Commission, the Oregon Health Authority, the Oregon Liquor
18 and Cannabis Commission and the Department of Revenue, take steps to explore alternative ap-
19 proaches to accessing cannabis for medical use, including the reduction of costs, and to ensure that
20 access to medical cannabis testing and to processing services is available for registry identification
21 cardholders and designated primary caregivers who produce cannabis products for personal use;
22 now, therefore,

23 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

24 **SECTION 1.** **The Oregon Cannabis Commission, the Oregon Health Authority, the Oregon**
25 **Liquor and Cannabis Commission and the Department of Revenue shall work collaboratively**
26 **to:**

27 **(1) Evaluate access to cannabis and cannabinoid products in Oregon;**

28 **(2) Ensure that cannabis and cannabinoid products are readily accessible, affordable and**
29 **safe;**

30 **(3) Provide a stable funding source for the Oregon Medical Marijuana Program and for**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **supporting research;**

2 **(4) Create coordinated cannabis-related education that includes, but is not limited to,**
3 **continually updating public health statements to reflect growing evidence of the benefits and**
4 **risks of cannabis, and ensuring that cannabis retail personnel are educated about and able**
5 **to provide accurate information regarding cannabis products;**

6 **(5) Ensure that cannabis product information is publicly accessible through electronic**
7 **means; and**

8 **(6) Establish a framework for cannabis-related research, including the development of a**
9 **pool of research grant funding.**

10 **SECTION 2. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
11 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect**
12 **on its passage.**

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