

HB 4093 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes an appointed seat on the Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission for a person who has a background in public health. Applies to commissioners appointed to the OLCC on or after the effective date of passage. Declares emergency; takes effect upon passage.

Revenue: *No revenue impact*

Fiscal: *No fiscal impact*

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Definition of a public health background
- Current designations for seats on the OLCC
- Health and economic impacts of alcohol and substance misuse in Oregon

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission (OLCC) consists of nine commissioners appointed by the Governor. As outlined in ORS 471.705, commissioners must be from among the residents of each congressional district in Oregon. Additionally, one commissioner must be from eastern Oregon, one from western Oregon, and one must represent the public at large. One commissioner must be from the food and alcoholic beverage retail industry and not more than five commissioners may be of the same political party.

Commission authorities include setting agency policy, adopting administrative rules, approving liquor and marijuana licenses, approving license denials, approving final orders, ratifying settlement agreements, appointing liquor agents, confirming products in warehouse, and setting the price formula including any surcharges.

According to the American Public Health Public Association, public health promotes and protects the health of all people and their communities. Public health professionals can include, but are not limited to, public health physicians, nurses, community health workers, social workers, epidemiologists, and occupational health and safety professionals.