

SB 870 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure adds a public records exemption for a marijuana worker permit holder's residential address or personal phone number.

FISCAL: No fiscal impact.

REVENUE: No revenue impact.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Public safety concerns with making information public
- Journalists' access to information
- Oregon Sunshine Committee's mandate to review public records exemptions

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Marijuana production and storage facilities are frequent targets of theft and organized crime. Oregon law currently provides an exemption from public records requests for marijuana producer, processor, wholesaler and laboratory premises that are licensed or appear on an application for a license. It also protects those licensees' security plans and any other information the Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission determines to be proprietary information of a licensee. Senate Bill 870 would add marijuana worker permit holder addresses and phone numbers to the exemption.