

## HB 3817 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure defines ibogaine and directs the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to collaborate with the Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) to establish a process for an individual with a specific behavioral health condition to consume ibogaine.

#### Detailed Summary

- Defines ibogaine.
- Directs OHA to collaborate with ODVA to establish an evidence-based process through which an individual with a specified behavioral health condition (post-traumatic stress disorder, major depressive disorder, an anxiety disorder, or a substance use disorder) may consume ibogaine as a treatment. Directs OHA and ODVA to adopt rules necessary to establish the process.
  - Specifies that the process must:
    - Occur within a controlled setting that is created considering the needs of the participant and where a health care provider experienced in managing cardiac complications is available.
    - Include pre-screening for cardiac-related risk factors.
    - Include a process for reporting the results of the consumption to OHA and ODVA.
  - Directs OHA and ODVA to submit a report to the Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2029.
- Clarifies how bill requirements interact with federal law.
- Excludes ibogaine from the statutory definition of a controlled substance when used through the process developed by OHA and ODVA.
- Sunsets on January 2, 2030.

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- The need for additional studies to demonstrate the effectiveness of ibogaine as a treatment for a broader population.
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#### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

**-1 Makes changes to provisions of the measure.**

#### Detailed Summary

- Removes the provision that directs OHA and ODVA to establish a process through which an individual with a specified behavioral health condition (post-traumatic stress disorder, major depressive disorder, an anxiety disorder, or a substance use disorder) may consume ibogaine as a treatment.
- Removes provisions that clarify how the bill requirements interact with federal law and exclude ibogaine from the statutory definition of a controlled substance when consumed as part of the state-established process.
- Directs OHA and ODVA to study the consumption of ibogaine by individuals with a specified behavioral health condition (post-traumatic stress disorder, major depressive disorder, an anxiety disorder, or a substance use disorder) for the purpose of treating the condition.
  - Directs OHA and ODVA to submit a report to the Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2029. Specifies what must be included in the report.

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- Sunsets on January 2, 2030.

*Fiscal impact: Fiscal impact issued*

*Revenue impact: No revenue impact*

### **BACKGROUND:**

Ibogaine is a psychoactive drug derived from the root bark of the [Tabernanthe iboga shrub](#), an evergreen rainforest shrub native to the central African countries of Gabon, Republic of the Congo, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Ibogaine has long been used by native populations for its stimulant properties and was botanically classified in 1889. Findings from recent [studies](#) have indicated that ibogaine has the potential as a treatment for substance use disorders, post-traumatic stress disorder, and other psychiatric symptoms related to [traumatic brain injuries](#) in veterans, however further research is needed in this area.

Ibogaine may be prescribed as a treatment for addiction in some countries, such as Australia and New Zealand; however, in the U.S. Ibogaine is classified as a Schedule I drug by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency. Schedule I drugs are considered to have no currently accepted medical use and a high potential for abuse. Colorado's Proposition 122, which passed voters in 2022, decriminalized several psychedelic substances including ibogaine.

House Bill 3817 defines ibogaine and directs the Oregon Health Authority to collaborate with the Department of Veterans' Affairs to establish a process for an individual with a specific behavioral health condition to consume ibogaine.