

SB 307 -3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Marijuana Regulation

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) to issue cannabis lounge and temporary event license types starting January 1, 2018. Allows consumption of marijuana on the premises of cannabis lounges. Allows consumption and sale of marijuana by licensed retailers on the premises of temporary events. Exempts from prohibitions on public use, including restrictions set forth in Oregon Indoor Clean Air Act, on consumption of marijuana items in designated areas of premises for which temporary event or cannabis lounge license has been issued. Prohibits cannabis lounge or temporary event licenses in cities or counties that have not adopted ordinances allowing the consumption and sale of marijuana items in a public place. Takes effect 91 days after sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Clean Indoor Air Act requirements
- Similarities between drinking and marijuana establishments
- Local government powers over time, place, and manner restrictions

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-3 Replaces measure. Allows social consumption of marijuana at venues if specific conditions are met including OLCC licensure. Specifies marijuana consumed must be inhaled at licensed marijuana venues. Allows marijuana retailers to be licensed as a marijuana consumption venue if all other conditions for licensure are met. Prohibits the consumption of alcohol and tobacco products at licensed marijuana venues.

Prohibits OLCC from awarding a license to a venue for social consumption of marijuana if a governing body of a city or county has not specifically allowed the consumption of marijuana items at licensed venues.

Provides technical amendments to marijuana statutes. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment.

BACKGROUND:

Under current Oregon law, the consumption of marijuana in a public place is prohibited. Also, the Oregon Indoor Clean Air Act states a workplace must remain free of smoke, aerosols and vapors containing inhalants and provides few exceptions.

Senate Bill 307 would allow the creation of two license types: cannabis lounges and temporary events. Cannabis lounge licenses would allow the consumption of marijuana on their premises. Temporary event licenses would allow the sale of marijuana by licensed marijuana retailers along with the consumption of marijuana on their premises. Neither license type would be allowed in cities or counties that have not expressly passed ordinances allowing the licensed activities and provided the text of that ordinance to the OLCC.