Senate Bill 308

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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.


A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to cannabis; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on the Social Consumption of Cannabis is established.

(2) The task force consists of 14 members appointed as follows:

(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint one nonvoting member from the majority party of the Senate and one nonvoting member from the minority party of the Senate.

(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one nonvoting member from the majority party of the House of Representatives and one nonvoting member from the minority party of the House of Representatives.

(c) The Governor shall appoint:

(A) Three members who represent the cannabis industry;

(B) One member who represents the tourism industry;

(C) One member who represents organized labor;

(D) One member who represents local law enforcement agencies;

(E) One member who represents local governments;

(F) One member who represents local public health agencies;

(G) One member from the Oregon Liquor Control Commission; and

(H) One member from the insurance division of the Department of Consumer and Business Services.

(3) The task force shall:

(a) Identify existing legal barriers to the lawful consumption of cannabis in social settings in this state, such as the Oregon Indoor Clean Air Act;

(b) Identify opportunities for the lawful consumption of cannabis in social settings in this state, both for residents of this state and for visitors to this state;

(c) Identify existing methods used by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission, state police and local law enforcement to enforce laws prohibiting the lawful consumption of cannabis in social settings in this state;

(d) Evaluate the economic potential of opportunities identified under paragraph (b) of this subsection and the efficacy of the law enforcement methods identified under paragraph (c)

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of this subsection; and

(e) Develop, in consideration of individuals who want to consume cannabis in this state but who do not have access to a private residence where cannabis can be lawfully consumed, recommendations for legislative or regulatory changes.

(4) A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.

(5) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the voting members of the task force.

(6) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.

(7) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appointment to become immediately effective.

(8) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson or of a majority of the voting members of the task force.

(9) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.

(10) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to business no later than September 15, 2018.

(11) The Oregon Liquor Control Commission shall provide staff support to the task force.

(12) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement for expenses and serve as volunteers on the task force.

(13) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist the task force in the performance of the task force's duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish information and advice the members of the task force consider necessary to perform their duties.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2017 Act is repealed on December 31, 2018.

SECTION 3. This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect on its passage.