

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote: 5 - 1 - 1
Yeas: Anderson, Dalto, Monnes Anderson, Westlund, Kruse
Nays: Tomei
Exc.: Barker
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Meeting Dates: 3/21, 4/14

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Modifies laws relating to medical use of marijuana. Requires patients to provide grow site information to the Oregon Medical Marijuana Program (OMMP) which can be provided to authorized law enforcement officials. Requires patients to sign a statement that he/she understands the legal educational requirements. Clarifies that the attending physician must notify the patient and OMMP that the patient's registration card is in the process of being revoked due to a change in the patient's medical condition. Allows the patient's attending physician who has determined he/she no longer qualifies for the OMMP to avoid revocation of his/her card by obtaining a written statement from another attending physician. Clarifies grow site. Directs Department of Human Services (DHS) to revoke the registry identification card of a person who has been convicted of violating ORS 475.992 or an equivalent offense in another jurisdiction. Limits the care giver producing marijuana plants to three mature and four immature plants at one site.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Review of Oregon's Medical Marijuana Program (OMMP)
- The need to further clarify and tighten aspects of the OMMP
- Currently there are 4,500 Oregonians that are OMMP cardholders
- Review of terminal and debilitating medical conditions of OMMP participants
- Current limitations on grow sites; program participants would like to increase capabilities
- Oregon Narcotics Enforcement Association (ONEA) concerns
- The proposed educational requirements
- The issue of prior drug convictions
- Concerns relating to grow site information being printed on the identification card

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

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- Clarifies that the attending physician must notify the patient and OMMP that the patient's registration card is in the process of being revoked due to a change in the patient's medical condition
- Allows the patient's attending physician who has determined he/she no longer qualifies for the OMMP to avoid revocation of his/her card by obtaining a written statement from another attending physician
- Deletes wording "or agitation due to Alzheimer's disease"
- Clarifies grow site
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BACKGROUND: Oregon voters passed Ballot Measure 67, the Medical Marijuana Act (OMMA) in November 1998. The OMMA (BM 67) allows the medical use of marijuana to mitigate symptoms, effects of debilitating medical

conditions, such as cancer, glaucoma, HIV/AIDS, multiple sclerosis, and other conditions. The Act established a state permit system, which requires that physicians provide written proof for the use of medical marijuana. In addition, the Act exempts permit holders or applicants, within specified limitations, from marijuana criminal statues and limits the amount of usable marijuana and the number of plants that an individual may possess.