Oregon Recreational Marijuana Program

Community Listening Tour – Summer 2019
State Marijuana Law and Responsible State Agencies

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Statutes: ORS Chapter 475B

Administrative Rules OAR Division 25

Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC): recreational marijuana businesses, worker permits and limited medical marijuana inspection authority

Oregon Health Authority (OHA): medical marijuana activities/businesses, testing standards and requirements

Oregon Department of Revenue (DOR): tax collection

Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA): commercial kitchens, scale certification, certain food handling activities, pesticides, hemp

Local jurisdictions: law enforcement, governing bodies, code enforcement
2019 Legislative Updates

Producer Moratorium (SB 218)
Import and Export (SB 582)
Technical Fixes (HB 2098)
Social Consumption (SB 639 and HB 2233)
Producer Moratorium (SB 218)

SB 218 was signed by the Governor on June 17, 2019 and allows the OLCC to establish a temporary moratorium on recreational marijuana producer licenses until January 2, 2022.
Producer Moratorium (SB 218)

- Only affects PRODUCER applicants
- Does NOT affect other license types
- Does NOT affect current licensees
- Does NOT affect renewals, change of ownership or change of location for current producer licensees
SB 582 was signed by the Governor on June 20, 2019. It is a Law for preparation – **NOT** action. Allows the Governor to enter into an agreement with another state to export and import with federal approval.
The law becomes operative **only if:**

- **Federal law** is amended or a **federal opinion or memo** is released allowing for the interstate transfer of marijuana items

OLCC may provide policy recommendations and assist in the implementation and enforcement of the terms of the agreement.
**Technical Fixes (HB 2098)**

*HB 2098 was signed by the Governor on June 17, 2019. The bill is mostly technical in nature, changes will be implemented through the rulemaking process.*
Technical Fixes (HB 2098)

- Advisory committee on potency testing
- Pilot programs for OMMP Cardholders
- Allows OLCC to revoke a retailer’s license for non-payment of taxes
- Raises the upper limit of fines that can be assessed for violations to $10,000
Rulemaking for 2019 legislative changes was initiated at the June 2019 Commission meeting.

OLCC will hold Rules Advisory Committee (RAC) meetings for feedback on proposed rules in Fall of 2019.

Please watch for OLCC communications about upcoming RAC’s and the potency committee, established by HB 2098.
Social Consumption (SB 639 and HB 2233)

The social consumption bills did not pass this legislative session.
Social Consumption

• Conversation continues around public use of marijuana

• Considerations include: social equity, safe access and local control

• Social Consumption may be a ballot measure in the 2020 election
OLCC’S MISSION

Support businesses, public safety, and community livability through education and the enforcement of liquor and marijuana laws.