

Marijuana Legalization In Oregon

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Path to Legalization

- ❑ 1973 – Oregon first state to decriminalize possession of small amounts of marijuana
- ❑ 1986 – Ballot measure five defeated
- ❑ 1998 – Voters approve medical marijuana
 - ❑ Allowed three mature plants, four immature plants, one ounce of marijuana
 - ❑ Oregon Health Authority
- ❑ 2004 – Voters reject ballot measure allowing retail sales of medical marijuana
- ❑ 2005 – Oregon Legislature increases plant and possession limits for medical marijuana
 - ❑ Allowed six mature plants, 18 immature plants, 24 ounces of marijuana
 - ❑ Grow site registry created

Path to Legalization, Cont'd:

- ❑ 2010 – Voters again deny ballot measure allowing retail sales of medical marijuana
- ❑ 2012 – Voters reject Measure 80 which would have legalized marijuana for those 21 and older with no possession or cultivation limits
- ❑ 2012 – Legislature approves registry system for medical marijuana dispensaries
 - ❑ Possession of more than one ounce of marijuana but less than four ounces becomes misdemeanor
- ❑ 2013 – Legislature allows local governments to impose moratoriums on dispensaries for up to one year

Measure 91 – Two Phases

Phase One – Personal Possession and Use (July 1, 2015)

Residence

- Four Plants
- 8 Ounces of dried marijuana
- 16 ounces of solids (edibles)
- 72 ounces of liquid

Public

- One ounce of dried marijuana
- Delivery of 16 oz of solids and 72 oz of liquid



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Phase Two – Commercial Sale of Marijuana

- Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC)
- Types of Licenses
 - Producer
 - Processor
 - Wholesaler
 - Retail
- OLCC must begin accepting license applications by January 4, 2016
- Retail sale expected by Fall 2016



Revenue

- ❑ OLCC estimates \$18.4M for 15-17 Biennium
- ❑ 40% to Common School Fund
- ❑ 20% to Mental Health Alcoholism and Drug Services
- ❑ 15% to State Police
- ❑ 10% to Cities for Enforcement of Measure
- ❑ 10% to Counties for Enforcement of Measure
- ❑ 5% to Oregon Health Authority for Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention

Law Enforcement Issues

- Structure of Civil/Criminal Enforcement
- Black Market
- DUII
 - Implied Consent
 - Per Se Level
 - Drug Recognition Expert Program
 - ARIDE
 - OLCC Report
- K-9
- Internal



A close-up photograph of a cannabis plant with green serrated leaves and a central, developing flower bud covered in trichomes.

QUESTIONS?