Legislative Summary Report

CIVIL LAW



This Legislative Summary Report highlights Civil Law policy measures that received a public hearing in a policy committee during the 2024 regular legislative session. The report is organized by subtopics and includes the measure number; the measure status: enacted [\checkmark] or not enacted [\times]; and a brief description of the measure.

Civil Law Policy Subtopics:

- Cannabis Regulation
- Civil Actions and Civil Procedure
- Other Civil Matters

Cannabis Regulation

HB 4121



The measure is a cannabis omnibus that reinstates laws directing or allowing inter-agency collaboration for inspections and enforcement of industrial hemp operations. It directs the Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission (OLCC) to establish a registration program for industrial hemp products that contain cannabinoids for human or animal consumption and sets minimum labeling requirements and packaging prohibitions. The measure allows temporary permits for cannabis licensees and laboratory workers. It directs the OLCC to establish minimum standards for minor decoy operations for sales of adult-use cannabinoid products. The measure also sets per capita limits on marijuana production, retail, processor, and wholesale licenses.

Note: The measure is also included in the Legislative Summary Report on Natural Resources.

Civil Actions and Civil Procedure

SB 1575



The measure limits a public body from including a duty to defend requirements in a construction agreement for certain professional services, except to the amount of the person's proportionate fault.

Note: Governor Tina Kotek issued a signing letter for SB 1575 – see letter.

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SB 1576



The measure is an omnibus bill relating to civil matters. It authorizes the Attorney General to disclose materials obtained in investigations of consumer data privacy violations to hired consultants. It provides confidentiality for court records of a minor's settlement agreement, when it becomes part of the court's record under ORCP 27 I. It also temporarily allows all local governments to opt into immunity for trails or structures in public easements and rights of way; adds limited immunity for improved paths, trails, roads, and other rights of way that are used to access land for recreational purposes; and adds walking, running, and bicycling to the non-exclusive list of recreational purposes. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

Note: The measure is also included in the Legislative Summary Report on Courts.

SB 1587



This measure provides certain civil liability immunities for children's advocacy centers, their employees, and designated agents.

SB 1595



The measure exempts specific property and funds of a judgment debtor from execution of a judgment or garnishment. It also repeals a statute that provides that when a debt collector complies with the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, the debt collector complies with the requirements of Oregon's debt collection practices. The measure specifies the process for a court to impose attorney fees and costs to a plaintiff or defendant following a civil action for unlawful debt collection practices and increases the amount of damage award available. Finally, the measure declares an emergency and is effective on passage.

Note: The measure is also included in the Legislative Summary Report on Business and Consumer Protection.

Other Civil Matters

HB 4160



The measure extends the prohibition on sexual conduct by educators involving students from 90 days after a student leaves school to one calendar year. The measure takes effect July 1, 2024.

Note: The measure is also included in the Legislative Summary Report on Education.



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