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Senate sends bipartisan cannabis bill to Governor

HB 4014 will create youth prevention program

SALEM – The Oregon Senate today passed a sweeping bipartisan cannabis-related bill that establishes a youth marijuana-use prevention pilot project in the state and alters regulations on the new industry.

House Bill 4014 – which passed by a 20-6 vote – requires the Oregon Health Authority to establish a youth marijuana-use prevention pilot project in urban and rural areas in the state. The bill also removes the two-year residency requirement for registered grow sites, processors and retailers, which opens up investment opportunities for those new businesses. In addition, it streamlines the process for Oregon Medical Marijuana Program applicants by applying a 30-day deadline for Oregon Health Authority to approve or deny applications.

“This bill is the product of a lot of discussion among a bipartisan group of legislators, stakeholders and state agencies,” said Senate Majority Leader Ginny Burdick (D-Portland), who co-carried the bill with Republican Leader Sen. Ted Ferrioli. “This continues the work we began last session to set the stage for a successful industry while protecting vulnerable medical cardholders and developing policies to prevent youth marijuana use and protect public health and public safety.”

The bill will require Oregon Health Authority to develop recommendations on clinical guidelines for physicians who prescribe marijuana and report to specific legislative committees on rules adopted or steps taken on recalling contaminated or unfit cannabis and other products derived from cannabis. It also allows medical growers, processors and retailers to transfer their

inventory to their new line of business when they become Oregon Liquor Control Commission licensees.

The proposal will amend penalties relating to cannabis-related crimes, recognizing that it is now a legal substance. It also establishes a process for governing boards of cities or counties who wish to repeal ordinances prohibiting establishment of some licensed or registered cannabis establishments.

HB 4014 now goes to Gov. Kate Brown for signature.

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