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Tom Burns named OLCC's Director of Marijuana Programs

PORTLAND, Ore. – The Oregon Liquor Control Commission has named Tom Burns as Director of Marijuana Programs. He will lead the agency's implementation of Measure 91, the marijuana legalization law passed by voters in November.

Burns has served as the Director of Pharmacy Programs at the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) since 2008. In that role, he oversaw the implementation of Oregon's medical marijuana dispensary program.

"Tom has navigated these waters before on the medical side," says OLCC Executive Director Steven Marks. "In line with Chairman Rob Patridge's direction, Tom will lead the implementation of Oregon's recreational marijuana law with a measured approach that protects children, promotes safety, and brings the marijuana industry into the regulated market."

As part of the agency's commitment to a transparent and public process, one of Burns' first tasks will be to organize a listening tour for the OLCC Commissioners to gather input on recreational marijuana regulation from citizens around the state.

Burns has forty years of experience in state government and policy roles including serving as Chief Executive Officer of the California State Senate and as Vice-President for State Government Affairs for GlaxoSmithKline.

He is a graduate of California State University, Stanislaus with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics.

Learn more about Measure 91 and marijuana legalization in Oregon at marijuana.oregon.gov

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