

Testimony for HB 3371

There are many compelling reasons to restore the Holy Herb. The most compelling reason to restore Cannabis to its historic role in our history is that it allows us to unplug from corporate control of our resources and to create sustainable, autonomous communities.

Autonomy is a powerful word, one our Founding Fathers used in urging folks to plant and cultivate cannabis ...” to achieve financial autonomy” as a fledgling nation.

Cannabis was the most versatile cash crop in the US until 1937.

It provided food, fuel, fiber, medicine and safe recreation.

A plant designed to supply so many of our needs must be a gift from our Creator.

And, indeed it is. In Genesis, the first book of the Bible, in the first chapter, verse 29: “Behold, I have given you every seed bearing herb for your use.”

In 1936 Greed got together and conspired to outlaw a natural plant, a God given herb.

They had to change its name and tell a pack of lies. But Greed has always had a knack for scaring and duping the American public.

In the 76 years since Congress passed the 1937 Cannabis Tax Act we have been on a path that is leading us to total destruction of our biosphere.

To those who have reservations about legalization, fearing it will harm our youth, I refer you to DEA Chief Justice Francis Young’s ruling from the late 80s. “ Marijuana is the safest therapeutically active substance available, safer than many of the foods on your grocery shelves.

I have 9 grandkids and would much rather they smoke pot than drink beer.

To the Law Enforcement agencies that oppose legalization, predicting it will create an increase in violence and crime, I refer you to Harry Anslinger’s second trip to Congress following the release of the 1944 LaGuardia report. Anslinger told them, “ It is much worse than I told you. It doesn’t make people violent. It turns them into Pacifists. We will have no one to fight our wars.”

By the way, Congress voted to continue Prohibition.

To our Law Makers who struggle with the language of rules and regulations to legalize, consult the records to learn how Cannabis was regulated prior to 1937 for guidance.

Not everyone can own an oil well, a forest, a pharmaceutical company.

Anyone can plant and cultivate a seed.

Now is the time to level the playing field and fully restore the Holy Herb, God’s gift to humankind.

Now is the time to unplug from corporate control of our government and resources.

We are Oregon, the Pioneer State.

Now is the time to show the pathway to a Green, sustainable future.

I would be happy to direct you to the necessary research to answer any questions you have about the history and usage of Cannabis. My email address is [grannygreenbuds@gmail.com](mailto:grannygreenbuds@gmail.com).

Thank you for providing me an opportunity to share my thoughts.

Blessed Be,

Linda Lee Charles  
87476 Rhodowood Drive  
Florence, OR 97439  
541-991-3454