

**Testimony Supporting HB 2919  
House Health Care Committee**

**April 8, 2012**

Chairman Greenlick, members of the House Health Care Committee,

Thank you for hearing HB 2919--I appreciate your time to take a look at this important issue.

As a culinary professional my skill and expertise are directly useful in the preparation and food safety issues for medicinal edibles. However, how could I responsibly create edible medicinal products (with a professional level of service), when I cannot tell who has what, where its coming from, what it really is and all without any standards of any kind? If HB 2919 was enacted long ago, I would have felt more inclined to help my sick grandmother if even these basic problems were solved.

To date, much of the confusion of the medicinal properties of marijuana has been on oral and smoked forms of THC. The felt effects of marijuana from oral and smoked THC differ greatly and therefore have varying implications... yet no real research backs up the differences. This area should be of paramount concern when anyone decided to administer medication in any form other then dried flower material.

I have observed as the survey and assessment program here in Corvallis evolve into the working outline that became HB 2919. I am proud to support HB 2919 because it creates and actively encourages assessment into conditions where the efficacy of marijuana has been established to determine optimal dosage and route of delivery effects— this is crucial information!

Chairman Greenlick and Health Care Committee Members, please vote in favor of HB 2919, because it sets the right tone in Oregon addressing marijuana for what it actually is, and better defines marijuana for everyone.

Cheers!

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