

Hello Chairman Greenlick and House Health Care Committee Members,

I am writing to you as a medical marijuana patient in support of HB2919. I have been involved in the medical marijuana community for many years and have seen first hand the benefits and relief it has provided to many people with many different problems. As you may know there is a great deal of misconception and unknowns from a science or research based perspective on the effect of medical marijuana and the all the varieties or strains that are available for use. HB2919 would create a science based research model that would allow for patients, doctors, and scientist to create a clear understanding of the specific benefits and applications that medical marijuana can provide. This would be a enormous asset to a patient in determining the specific type, variety, and dosage of medical marijuana that could offer relief for their specific condition.

The current OMMP program does not have any provisions or directive to provide patients with the proper science based conclusions on the efficacy of the individual varieties that are available with medical marijuana. Again HB2919 would provide the background and research into the types and strains of medical marijuana to have a clear understanding of the effects on specific medical conditions. Marijuana is a safe and effective medicine used to treat many medical conditions; creating a research program to further show the effectiveness would provide a benefit not only to current patients in the OMMP program but also anyone with a medical condition that thru research it has been shown medical marijuana can provide relief.

Furthermore this bill would create the framework of an economic engine that would create a whole new industry bringing with it many jobs for Oregonians and revenue for the State. I strongly support HB2919 and urge its passage.

Sincerely,

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Jeremiah Gilbert