

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

April 8, 2012

Chairman Greenlick, members of the House Health Care Committee Members,

Thank you for hearing HB 2919. Oregon has waited too long to allot any money to understand marijuana. For more than fifteen years, Oregon has had opportunity to solve marijuana problems with data that could have been collected from it's own citizen patients. HB 2919 stops policies that are preventing important information from being collected. The bill proves there is something Oregon can do! It is an intelligent method to marijuana in Oregon.

HB 2919 breaks down the barrier while creating a good-actor program for Oregonians to follow. I have followed the program that spawned HB 2919 and Oregon needs to stop making excuses... immediately! Use what has been developed for the last four years and find the best way to administer marijuana as a medicine, and the corresponding doses for these methods. Oregon needs HB 2919 because professionals can engage marijuana with it while it removes the stigma of the OMMP. People can trust HB 2919 because the people proving this pilot program are intelligent, well planned and dependable.

Oregon needs to clarify both the therapeutic properties of cannabinoids and their effects on symptom management. I support HB 2919 because it provides the framework for professional researchers to engage into a transparent and accountable marijuana supply program.

In my opinion research should include:

- Clinical trials--short-term use (less than 6 months);
- Clinical trials--patients for whom there is a reasonable expectation of efficacy;
- Clinical trials--approved by institutional review boards; and
- Clinical trials collecting efficacy data

Chairman Greenlick and Health Care Committee Members, please vote favorable for HB 2919.

Respectfully,



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