

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

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

Thank you for taking the time and effort to review HB 2919 and will find it as important as I do. HB 2919 ferrets the real revenue and industry for Oregon among marijuana and avoids the disasters underway in Colorado and Washington.

On March 29, Washington's new pot consultant had one overarching, discouraging message for lawmakers and state budget writers: don't look at weed as an ATM.

“The only way to get a lot of revenue is to sell a lot of marijuana,” he said. “The only way to sell a lot of marijuana is to sell to people who smoke a lot of marijuana. And that's not a good thing.” Policy-makers may not want the state “fostering disease,” he said.

Potential tax revenues will probably be less than half of what WA Cannabis advocates predicted. HB 2919 focuses on unlocking the true revenue and industry, intellectual property, research and white collar level agriculture jobs.

I support HB 2919 because it's smart, well designed and the right amount of technology with oversight to encourage the world's brightest medical, agriculture, chemistry, engineering and researcher minds to Oregon. This new Green-Silicon-Forest will attract a financial windfall to Oregon programs because the technology and science will provide the basis for a return on investments faster and better than weed sales alone.

I appreciate HB 2919 because it transforms Oregon's view of a tolerated cannabis commodity into a marijuana technology capable of intentional medicinal expectations. I've watched the Corvallis M-Scale project bloom into HB 2919 and I implore to you, Oregon must go first, because unlike the legalization disasters sans federal intervention, HB 2919 creates a Oregon plan we can all benefit from.

HB 2919 means national dollars in Oregon creating legal intellectual property to be used throughout the world, it's amazing to say I am proud of this bill and hope you can see the same potential.

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