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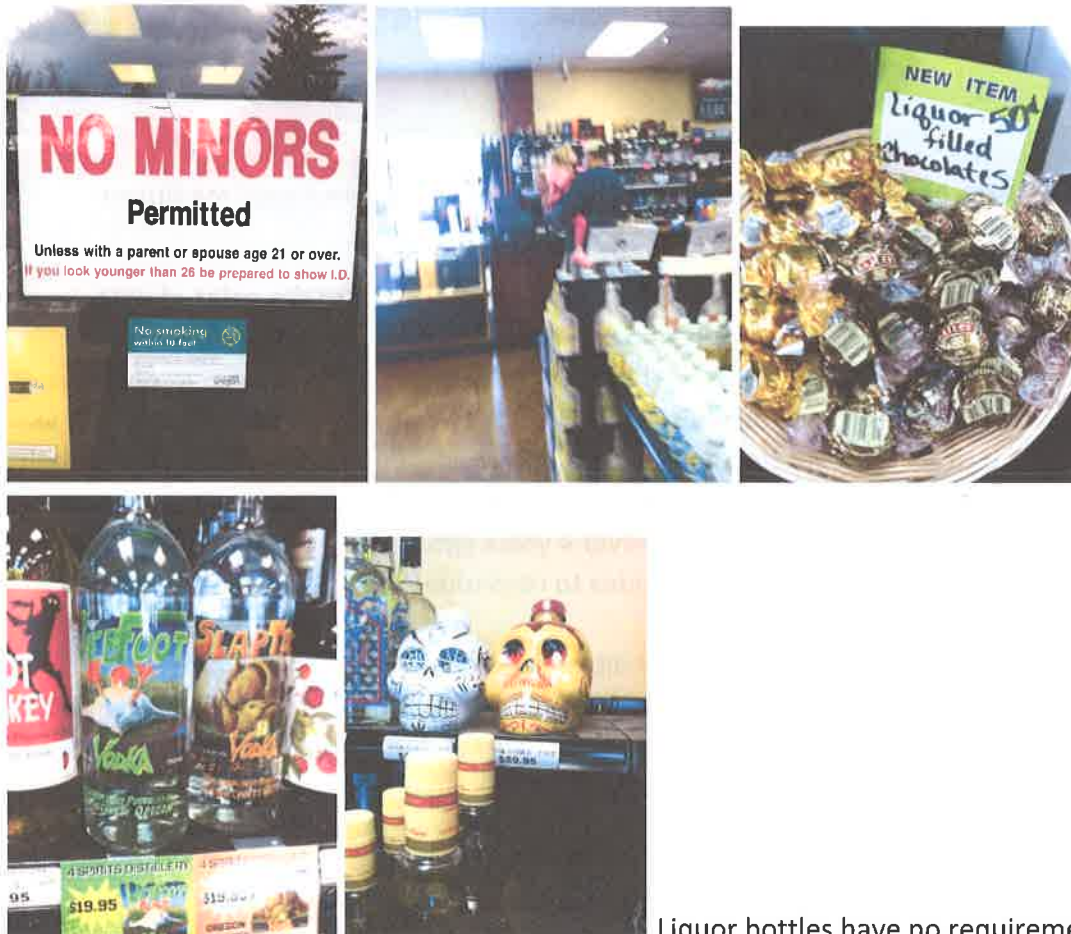
Concerns:

Fact: The committee has stated previously that they do not want recreational marijuana establishment rules to be any stricter than the liquor stores.

1. I believe age verification should be done at the point of sale not the point of entry just as it is in liquor stores. As a person who uses cannabis both medicinally and recreationally I find it discriminating that those who choose to partake in alcohol do not need a babysitter to go and purchase their alcohol. I however must pay a babysitter in order to go to ANY dispensary, medical or recreational. I do not partake in ANY alcohol consumption due to the toxicity to my health; I am a MUCH better person since deciding to never take another drink of alcohol over 4 years ago. If you are going to ban children from dispensaries, it would be a good idea to reconsider the OLCC standards for liquor stores as well.
2. The packaging of marijuana infused edibles should be comparable to alcohol filled edibles –OR- alcohol filled edibles should have child proof packaging because they are just as appealing to minor children and even more toxic to a minor child.
3. Restricting edibles beyond the other products WILL create a black market. There is a high demand for marijuana infused edibles and if they are not available it is very easy to make infused cannabis butter to use for baking. If this happens there will be a much higher chance of a child getting their hands on an unlabeled edible.
4. With a seed-to-sale system it is important to consider that there will be NO product on the store shelves for at the minimum 4-5 months after grower licenses are released due to the length of time it takes to grow, harvest, cure & process.

5. All marijuana extracts should be required to have residual solvent testing in order to go on store shelves. As a parent of a child who has fought acute lymphoblastic leukemia (cancer of the blood and bone marrow) I know how important it is to human health and safety to make sure that this product is free from any residual volatile compound. I believe the state of Washington set their PPM cutoff at 500ppm.
6. Limiting or excluding out of state residents from coming to Oregon and utilizing our marijuana program is going to substantially reduce the income potential for the State of Oregon and local businesses. Pot tourism is a HUGE deal and limiting it will encourage the black market and take money out of the pockets of local business and the State.

Pictures taken at Oregon City Liquor store, Southridge Shopping Center, 1678 Beaver Creek Rd Oregon City, OR on 3/24/2015.



Liquor bottles have no requirement to be non-attractive to minor children. The rate of minors hospitalized in the state of Oregon for alcohol has increased each year since the year 2000.