

From: Yvonne Hall
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 10:54 AM
To: Crawford Adam
Subject: HB 3400 and SB 936

Dear Joint Committee,

I am writing to you today because I am a member of the Oregon Sun Grown Growers Guild and a medical marijuana patient with glaucoma who grows my own medicine. I am responsible and am very careful not to use any pesticides or chemical fertilizers. I actually have frogs that live in my greenhouse.

I am concerned about over regulation and taxation will drive people underground. Please consider that when deciding on how to regulate this. We as medical growers hope to be included and welcomed into a legal market.

Please bear in mind that we are family farms on rural lands. We need to be sure zoning regulations include us.

We are making medicine. Medicine should never be taxed, and we need to be able to make a living and pay our income taxes. As medical growers we need to remain under OHA and continue to be regulated under OMMP.

Plant numbers MUST reflect patient needs. For example I make tincture for myself to control my symptoms. This uses much more material than simply smoking it, which I normally can't do because I have lung issues. The proposed plant counts of 48 to 98 actually does make sense for someone like me who is not growing indoors, and using lights to run all year. I do one crop a year in the sunlight of summertime.

While basic tracking and reporting are welcomed, outdoor growing has its pitfalls, plants die, turn out to be male etc.

removing weight restrictions can result in accurate plant yields and promote honesty. We need to be able to possess, store and transport whatever amount we're allowed to grow. Please make rules that protect us, not continue to marginalize and criminalize us.

We desire a legal outlet to sell any excess material to. We should be able to recover the costs of our labor. I do have real concerns about large grows and their dominating effect on the marketplace.

As an Oregonian, I support strict residency requirements. Please ensure any new rec growers be Oregon residents for at least 3 years before they can get licensed.

Lastly, I urge the committee to only allow industrial hemp to be grown east of the Cascades. The pollen can travel for miles and will ruin medical crops through cross pollination. Hemp will cause major problems in southern Oregon.

Thank you.
Sincerely,
Yvonne Hall