

Dear Chair Barker,

I am very concerned about the limitations currently placed on law enforcement working in the remote, frontier counties of Central and Eastern Oregon. It is my understanding that currently the law does not allow for implied consent (blood draws) in cases where marijuana use is suspected. Not only am I concerned because of my role as Superintendent of both North Central ESD (Condon, Oregon) and Grant County ESD (John Day, Oregon), but also because of my role as Mayor of Dayville, Oregon. Dayville is a small, remote city that does not maintain a police force. We simply do not have a General Fund budget to support it. As such, we rely on both the Oregon State Police and Grant County Sheriff's Office to provide patrols. I am greatly concerned that children within the four counties and the city which I serve will be put at risk if law enforcement officers do not have the tools necessary to apprehend, retain, and prosecute those driving under the influence of marijuana/cannabis.

It is my understanding that, under current law officers do not have the ability to determine whether or not people are posing a danger to the public while under the influence of cannabis.

Please pass HB 3170, so that law enforcement has the ability to prosecute those who put our children at risk.

Sincerely,

Robert Waltenburg, Superintendent/Mayor  
Grant County ESD  
North Central ESD  
City of Dayville