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I have the following brief comments on SB 844-6. I hope there will be an opportunity for more extensive comments.

1) Requiring tracking and allowing inspections for small patient gardens is unnecessary, expensive and a violation of the privacy rights of patients. 844-6 declares that marijuana MUST be treated like other medicines, but this provision subjects medical marijuana patients to a level of scrutiny that no other patients must endure. Please amend 844-6 to require tracking and allow inspections only for commercial gardens or gardens over a certain size.

2) Criminalizing the patient to patient transfer of concentrates, extracts, and edibles is heavy handed and unfair. The OMMP program has fostered 15 years of exactly such transfers for no consideration. Patients helping each other with edibles, tinctures and extracts has been a godsend. These home remedies will naturally be replaced by carefully tested products that have been subject to research as they become more available and affordable. Some low income patients will not be able to obtain medicine any other way and this will deprive them of medicine.

3) Requiring card-stacking by prohibiting growers from being designated by more than four patients makes no sense if there are inspections and tracking. This generates meaningless paperwork and obscures who is really responsible.

4) Prohibiting patients from growing for themselves until they have been an Oregon resident for four years is unreasonable.

5) Tracking of commercial entities will be collecting vast amounts of data. There need to be sidebars on what can be done with this information.

6) Distinguishing ownership of dispensaries from persons responsible is a good idea but the language doing so is flawed and ambiguous. Please clarify and define "having a financial interest".

More detailed comments will follow.

Thank you for your work.

John Sajo

