

Co-Chairs Burdick and Lininger and Members of the Committee:

My name is Jennifer Alexander and I am a resident of Beaverton and a consumer advocate. I'm very concerned about the language used to define limits for home cultivation, as I believe it severely restricts the ability of individuals to successfully grow their own marijuana and remain in compliance with state law.

The language in Section 39 of the dash 9 amendment needs to be changed to define cultivation limits with the word "mature" (and this change needs to translate to the criminal provisions sections, where penalties are defined when exceeding those limits).

Specifically this change is:

- **Section 39 of the dash 9 amendment, page 44, line 22 - add the word "mature" before "marijuana plants".**
- **Also Section 121, page 86, line 14, insert "mature" before "marijuana plants" in both instances.**

This is the same language found in SB 964 and repeated in the dash 10 amendment (page 26) where limits are defined by "mature marijuana plants".

Currently the limits for adults are defined by "marijuana plants" but that term actually isn't defined in any of this language (only immature and mature marijuana plants are defined), and it is completely unclear what would be defined as a marijuana plant for purposes of cultivation limits. A rational assumption is that once the seed breaks ground, it is a marijuana plant. Presumably it remains a marijuana plant until it is harvested.

There are a thousand reasons I support this change and feel it is CRITICAL to home cultivation, but let me just throw out a few:

- The current language pretty much prevents home cultivation from seed. From seed, I would need to germinate a number of seeds, then veg them out to cut a clone to sex the plant. Doing this process with a cap of four plants is nearly impossible, and would be impossible if you were currently flowering a different variety.
- The current language pretty much prevents any strain preservation and makes me dependent on the "industry" to provide me clones, because it would be very challenging to retain a mother plant of a desirable strain, and impossible to retain multiple different strains, and yet remain in compliance with a four marijuana plant limit. As a former medical patient, I have already lost my favorite strain to plant limits. If I have a plant I enjoy, I should be able to retain a mother of it and flower it periodically.
- It is confusing to define cultivation limits for patients by "mature marijuana plants" but then define limits for adults by "marijuana plants" without the word "mature".

The concern the legislature has is solely with mature marijuana plants, not seedlings and vegetating plants, and this change preserves home cultivation while addressing that concern.

Please change the dash 9 amendment as proposed above to define home cultivation plant limits by "mature marijuana plants". Thank you for your consideration.

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