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HB4014 2016 Changes to Marijuana Law OPPOSED Shirley Morgan



TO: Measure 91 Joint Committee

I am unable to attend the public hearing for HB4014 on Feb. 2^{nd} , since the announcement and agenda for the public hearing was just published on 1/27/16. I therefore am submitting public testimony.

- HB4014 Makes changes to laws regulating production, processing, sale, use and governance of cannabis.
- Changes become operative March 1, 2016.
- Declares emergency, effective on passage.

Regarding:

NOTE: I AM OPPOSED TO THE LIFTING OF THE 2 YEAR RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT AND REQUEST THAT THE LEGISLATOR REMOVE MARIJUANA AS A DEFINED AGRICULTURAL CROP

- Sec. 1, 2 (b) Removes 2 year residency requirement
- Requesting that the Oregon legislature remove marijuana as a defined agricultural farm crop

HB3400 during the 2015 legislative session clearly depicted the need for a required residency. At the beginning of the session the residency requirement began at 4 years then dropped to 2 years, now here we are with a bill that is requesting that the residency requirement be removed for all Commercial marijuana growers, processors, wholesalers and retailers.

- 22 (b) [Must, until January 1, 2020, provide proof that an applicant listed on an application submitted
- 23 under ORS 475B.040 has been a resident of this state for two or more years, and] Must provide proof
- 24 that the applicant is 21 years of age or older; and

It is clear that some of our legislators are not understanding the current out-of-state land grabbers that are flooding in across Oregon setting up shop in our rural residential communities. It is alarming that our elected officials would implement such risks for our local rural residential communities who have limited enforcement resources. These land grabbers are caring little about the impacts to our rural residential farming communities, since the legislature redefined marijuana as an agricultural farm crop, which means that it can be grown in all of Oregon's exclusive farm use areas without any neighbor notification

or conditional use permits. This is an unconscionable decision and is not being accepted by long time rural residents.

When you look at the horse pasture next to you one day, then within a month see a 300' x 700' compound with a 6 foot high fence with razor white on the top, blocking views of neighbors, it makes you wonder, who is it they are trying to keep out, the neighbors? Honestly can't we do better than this? Everyone knows that marijuana is a federally illegal drug and brings with it a number of very serious risks to our rural communities. This most recent article in the associated press that drug traffickers seek safe haven amid legal marijuana is one of many examples of why lifting the residency requirement would be a dangerous risk for Oregon rural residents.



Drug traffickers seek safe haven amid legal marijuana

http://www.timesunion.com/news/crime/article/Drug-traffickers-seek-safe-haven-amid-legal-

<u>6789416.php</u>

"Colorado's legal marijuana marketplace, illegal drug traffickers are growing weed among the state's sanctioned pot warehouses and farms, then covertly shipping it elsewhere and pocketing millions of dollars from the sale, according to law enforcement officials and court records consulted by The Associated Press. In one case, the owner of a skydiving business crammed hundreds of pounds of Colorado pot into his planes and flew the weed to Minnesota, where associates allegedly sold it for millions of dollars in cash. In another, a Denver man was charged with sending more than 100 pot-filled FedEx packages to Buffalo, New York, where drug dealers divvied up the shipment. Twenty other drug traffickers, many from Cuba, were accused of relocating to Colorado to grow marijuana that they sent to Florida, where it can fetch more than double the price in a legal Colorado shop. A local UPS facility intercepts about 50 pounds of pot headed out of state each week, said Todd Reeves of the Colorado Drug Investigators Association. "We don't have the resources," he said, "to be able to go after every single one of these cases."

Compromises will only lead to the degradation of our rural residential communities and our Public Safety, Quality of Life, and Property Values of the citizens of Oregon.

Respectfully,

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uTLLUKsbyaY&feature=youtu.be www.protectoursociety.org www.unwantedpotgrows.com P. O. Box 1351 Welches, Oregon

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