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TO: The Honorable Rep. Lininger, Co-Chair,
The Honorable Sen. Burdick Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Marijuana Legalization

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SUBJECT: HB 4014

Co-Chair Lininger and Co-Chair Burdick and members of the committee; I am André Ourso, Manager of the Oregon Medical Marijuana Program. I wanted to provide you with some brief information on HB 4014 and how it relates to the OMMP and Oregon Health Authority.

First, I would like to address Section 71 of the amendment to HB 4014:

- OHA welcomes and is appreciative of the creation of the evidenced based pilot project for increasing awareness and prevention among youth.

Campaign

- OHA would work with the OLCC to establish and pilot an evidence-based campaign to increase awareness among youth and young adults of the impact of marijuana use.
- The pilot would occur in two areas of the state, one metro and one rural area.
- Focus is on audiences ages 14-20.
- There is strong evidence from other areas of public health for multi-media campaigns we will use. We will also capitalize on the success of OLCC's **educate before you recreate** and identify lessons learned from other marijuana youth prevention campaigns in Colorado.
- Goal is to be impactful, truthful and believable -- and we will evaluate our results.

Resources

- Would propose that the legislature's Youth Prevention campaign resources continue through the end of the June 2017 biennium, so that youth can continue to make informed choices about marijuana use.

Next, I would like to briefly touch on Section 9 of the amendment, *relating to patient access and allowing patients to use a receipt issued by OHA of a card registry application to have the same effect as a registry identification card for 30 days following the date on which the receipt was issued.*

- I would ask that language be added to make sure there is submission of a complete application including payment and a signed APS form with qualifying condition, and in the instance of renewal that the APS is not signed 90 days before the expiration date of the card.
- Additionally, I know that this provision is out of concern for patients waiting long periods of time for application review, but the OMMP is ensuring applications are reviewed within the 30 day period are currently completing application reviews within 21-26 days.

Lastly, I would like to thank the committee for inclusion of Section 72 of the amendment regarding the convening of a clinical guidelines workgroup to develop recommendations related to physicians who diagnose individuals as having debilitating medical conditions.

As far as other provisions in this bill and its amendment, I would be happy to answer questions on the potential impact to patients, OMMP and OHA.

Co-Chairs, members of the committee I thank you for the opportunity to testify.