

Joint Committee on Marijuana Legalization February 2, 2016 Hearing on HB 4014 and SB 1511

Chair Burdick, Chair Lininger and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the work you put into drafting HB 4014-1 and SB 1511-1. Green Star Growing is supportive of the legislative concepts compiled in those two committee bills.

Green Star Growing prides itself on being transparent and compliant. It is responsible for two medical marijuana grow sites in Southern Oregon, outside of Jacksonville. The company has plans to also participate in the adult use market.

The provisions in HB 4014-1 and SB 1511-1 that are of particular importance to Green Star Growing include:

- Removing all residency requirements;
- Expanding access by allowing production/processing/retail of medical and adultuse marijuana with a single OLCC license;
- Expanding the early start to include extracts and edibles; and
- Delaying the effective date of plant limits.

We encourage the committee to pass HB 4014-1 and SB 1511-1 out of the committee maintaining the above-mentioned provisions. These aspects of the bill are critically important to growers like us who want to observe scrupulous compliance with the rules but are struggling with the turbulence attributed to a rapid series of rule changes at the legislative, administrative, and local arms of government. These important provisions will help the new cannabis industry in Oregon transition smoothly and thrive immediately.

We commend the committee for the excellent work it has done so far and we sincerely value that feedback from the industry has been incorporated into the fixes the committee is addressing this session.

Respectfully, Jonathan Loiterman CEO, Green Star Growing