

Dear Joint Committee on Marijuana Legalization,

I'm writing in support of SB1511. All people need safe-access to cannabis and in my opinion there is no difference between adult-use and medical cannabis as far as the plant or the products produced. It's just our man-made definitions that define use or a person's dependence on the plant for relief due to a debilitating condition.

Oregon can develop a system that serves all people at all cannabis dispensaries/retailers within the state. In my opinion the only differentiations should be as follows - no limits on potency for patients, no taxation on products for patients, and if I may be so bold we should develop a system within our state to ensure our patients get their therapeutic cannabis subsidized by our state's insurance companies. The last point is not up for discussion here, but should be considered in the future as participating dispensaries, that meet state standards, could be a solution to provide low-cost, affordable cannabis to those in need. The first two points however are easy to accomplish with co-located outlets.

The plant doesn't know the difference between end-users and puts out the same therapeutic properties. As an herbalist and cannabis entrepreneur here in Southern Oregon I've been operating Breeze Botanicals in Gold Hill, Oregon as a compounding dispensary - custom blending cannabis tinctures, elixirs, topicals, and other non-cannabis herbal blends for almost two years. Since October 1st we've been serving OMMP patients alongside adult-use customers. In our experience the later group comes seeking relief just as much as OMMP patients and often times are addressing similar debilitating conditions or milder conditions, but nonetheless seeking relief from cannabis.

Some people do not get their medical cards due to fear of being on a list; lack of funds to pay the exorbitant fees the program charges; do not have time due to a recent diagnosis; or simply just want a product every once in awhile for lack of sleep or arthritic pain. Please don't make me choose between OLCC and OHA for licensing authority in order to serve one group or another. I want to be able to serve all people who come to Breeze Botanicals. We've been co-located for four months now with no problems or issues. It would be very easy, in my opinion, to have products for both groups and serve both groups of customers.

Along those lines I would like to be able to offer additional products to adult-use customers in our medical dispensary earlier then the transition to OLCC licensing. Many customers, especially the elderly, do not like to smoke. A topical, edible, or vaporizer extract can be very beneficial to these people. They do not want to smoke burning plant material. Please allow Oregonians and adult visitors safe access to these other products within the dispensary system.

Lastly I'm in support of allowing OLCC licensed cannabis producers to grow additional plants for specific patients as outlined in SB1511. Since the legislature is not discussing insurance covered cannabis at dispensaries many low-income and elderly patients rely on the generosity of growers to provide free or low-cost cannabis directly to the patient. This is a wonderful addition to the legislation as patients can have their needs met while the state ensures traceability and accountability in the cultivation of cannabis.

In summary I'm in support of SB1511 as written.

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