

OREC supports S.B. 1511-16 with a "Do Pass" recommendation:

Senate Bill 1511 with the -16 amendment contains essential legislation necessary to move the Oregon cannabis industry forward, providing safe & cautious access for consumers and sensible regulations for processors, producers & retailers. The Oregon Responsible Edibles Council and our member businesses are in full support of S.B. 1511 and believe this bill would give our Oregon-based companies the opportunity to be first on the recreational market, building a strong base for a homegrown Oregonian driven industry.

Marijuana Processor Co-Location:

The processing of both Medical and Recreational products in the same location is absolutely essential for any Oregon-based marijuana processor looking to serve both sides of the market. S.B. 1511-16 removes the onerous restrictions and financial burdens of having two separate facilities licensed by two separate state agencies by allowing both types of products to be processed under one OLCC processor license. **OREC member businesses fully support this provision and are ready to help form and build the strong basis needed for a successful Oregon-based edible market.**

Medical THC Concentration Levels:

The current levels for medical THC concentration under OHA Temporary Rules, set to go into effect on June 1st, are harmful to patients and do not take their medical conditions or needs into consideration. An outpouring of public testimony has been supplied to the OHA urging these levels to be brought in line with dosage and serving size levels required for medical patients whose debilitating conditions and pain levels require large dosages of THC on a daily basis. **OREC believes Section 15 (2)(b.) of S.B. 1511-16 contains satisfactory language directing the OHA to raise these THC concentration levels to coincide with the THC requirements of patients who have and will continue to submit testimony of their needs to the OHA throughout the permanent rule making process.**

Expanded Definition of Limited Marijuana Retail Product:

OREC believes expanding the definition of "Limited Marijuana Retail Product" to include "low-dose" edibles, non-psychoactive topicals, and cannabinoid extracts is essential to ensuring a safe and successful roll-out of recreational marijuana products to the public. In Oregon, we are proving the concept of taking one-step at a time. The successful introduction of the 7 gram recreational marijuana flower limit has led to no known cases of interference with public health and safety, and Oregonians are ready for the next stage. Allowing limited access to these additional cannabinoid products now, will give the public the opportunity to become introduced to and learn about the new products before full access becomes available when OLCC retail stores open, giving the industry an essential opportunity to educate the public about how these products work and how they can enjoy them as safely as possible.