

elbe's edibles, LLC

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Joint Committee on Marijuana Legalization
Public Hearing on SB 1598
Support for -2 and -8 amendments
Oppose -7 amendment

Co-chair Burdick, Co-Chair Lininger and members of the committee,

For the record, my name is Hovering Laplante, CEO of elbe's edibles, a cannabis processor located in SE Portland. elbe's has been providing the medical market with high-quality cannabutter based edibles since 2010.

elbe's edibles strongly supports the -2 (and identical -3) amendments to SB 1598. The language change contained in the -2 amendment is necessary in order to preserve the way we, and other processors, currently support our OMMP patients. If we are no longer able to give our products directly to our patients, it will not only change the OMMP, in essence, it will destroy it completely.

Regarding the -7 amendment, we are supportive of the idea and spirit of a merit based licensing system, however we feel that the current language is unclear and may lead to unintended consequences. We do not support a merit based licensing system that might lead to profiling or corruption of any kind. We urge you to please consider carefully the language in the bill and to make changes that clarify and safeguard against potentially negative results.

Lastly, we support the -8 amendment. Just as we have allowed dispensary operations to designate a Person Responsible for the Facility (PRF), we should allow production sites to designate the person who is truly responsible for that site to report under the OHA tracking program.

Thank you for your time and attention. We appreciate the hard work you are doing in this short session.

Hovering Laplante
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