

Dear Joint Committee on Marijuana Legislation, Senators and Representatives:

Please consider this email as a submission to the public testimony for the meeting on Tuesday, 4/25.

I SUPPORT SB874: Directs marijuana businesses licensed by Oregon Liquor Control Commission, and persons performing work for or on behalf of licensees, to report violations of marijuana laws and rules to commission.

I OPPOSE HB2198: Changes name of Oregon Liquor Control Commission to Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission.

While the title of the House Bill sounds appealing, reading further into the Bill, it appears to favor only marijuana growers and those in the industry, without consideration for how the growing of medical marijuana affects the general public and neighbors. Just referring to the first section of the Bill, I oppose that Governor Brown will appoint FOUR people from the marijuana industry to the commission, and only ONE person from the liquor industry. Doing so sets up the commission to be biased toward Governor Brown's agenda.

I am also opposed to the language which does not give the Medical Use of Cannabis Board the addresses of marijuana grow sites registered under ORS.

Furthermore, I oppose the language (Section 81 (2)): On or before February 1 of each odd-numbered year, the Oregon Liquor [*Control*] and **Cannabis** Commission shall report to the Legislative Assembly in the manner required by ORS 192.245, the approximate amount of marijuana produced by [*persons who hold a license*] **marijuana producers that hold a license** issued under ORS 475B.070 and the approximate amount of marijuana items sold by [*persons who hold a license*] **marijuana retailers that hold a license issued** under ORS 475B.110, and whether the supply of marijuana in this state is commensurate with the demand for marijuana items in this state.

By counting only marijuana sold by *licensed retailers* and taking away counting marijuana sold by *persons who hold a license*, the Bill effectively side-steps the illegal interstate trafficking numbers. I am sure it is well known to you that a large percentage of medical marijuana is trafficked out of state. As HB2198 is written, it allows for the increase of surplus marijuana, which increases the amount available to be trafficked out of state. It seems this would put our legislators in the dangerous position of aiding and abetting the illegal interstate drug trade.

I would suggest that there are more edits to be done. For example, Section 82 indicates that the OLCC *may* require fingerprints of an individual or member of an LLC or LP or Corporation or investor.

That suggests that it may or it may not. I would propose that the OLCC, in order to perform a complete background check, MUST require fingerprints of all individuals named in that section.

I STRONGLY OPPOSE the bolded/italic of SECTION 128. ORS 475B.800, as amended by section 31, chapter 24, Oregon Laws 2016, and section 111 of this 2017 Act, is amended to read: 475B.800. (1) The governing body of a city or county may adopt ordinances to be referred to the electors of the city or county as described in subsection (2) of this section that prohibit or allow the establishment of any one or more of the following in the area subject to the jurisdiction of the city or in the unincorporated area subject to the jurisdiction of the county: **[(a) Marijuana processing sites registered under ORS 475B.435;] [(b) Medical marijuana dispensaries registered under ORS 475B.450;]** [(c)] (a) Marijuana producers that hold a license issued under ORS 475B.070; [(d)] (b) Marijuana processors that hold a license issued under ORS 475B.090; [(e)] (c) Marijuana wholesalers that hold a license issued under ORS 475B.100; [(f)] (d) Marijuana retailers that hold a license issued under ORS 475B.110; or [(g)] (e) Any combination of the entities described in this subsection. (2) If the governing body of a city or county adopts an ordinance under this section, the governing body shall submit the measure of the ordinance to the electors of the city or county for approval at the next statewide general election. (3) If the governing body of a city or county adopts an ordinance under this section, the governing body must provide the text of the ordinance[:] to the Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission, in a form and manner prescribed by the commission.

This is in effect trying to take away the rights of a local government's ability to enforce the wishes of their constituents!

I oppose HB2198 as it is written.

I understand the desire to help the state's budget via the tax revenue from marijuana. I support the rights of marijuana users to be free from criminalization. At the same time, those of us who do not use marijuana and who do not wish it to be grown in our neighborhoods shouldn't be subjected to its imposition on our way of life. It would be a shame to have Oregon's marijuana legalization be an example of how NOT to legislate and ultimately be a failure for our state.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

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