

April 24, 2017

Submitted for Public Testimony Re: HB2198 and SB874

Dear Joint Committee on Marijuana Legalization, Senators and Representatives

Regarding HB2198: I have read through the basics of HB2198, and while the title of the House Bill sounds appealing in requiring over 1300 unregulated medical marijuana grows in our county to come into compliance, reading further into the Bill shows that it is all in favor of marijuana growers, effectively doubling the amount of marijuana they can grow. I oppose HB2198 as it is written.

We have lived in Deschutes County for 22 years on 3 acres next to a 10,000 square foot proposed EFU commercial grow. The surrounding 28 properties within 1,000 feet have appealed this application for recreational marijuana.

Rural Deschutes DID NOT vote to legalize marijuana, nor did we vote to turn this federally illegal plant into an agricultural crop, the legislature did.

I support Deschutes County Commissioners and oppose any attempts for SB1057-11 to remove any of the current marijuana regulatory time, manner and place regulations. Deschutes County has already spent months listening to all concerns of both sides.

I am opposed to anything that would undo the regulation work in our county and in fact, we are asking Commissioners to consider the size of EFU property in relation to smaller residents who live around it with family, kids and farm animals.

Is it a good use of our counties land to allow growers to move in and demand special rights or privileges in growing a federally illegal plant? Light pollution and even helicopters hovering over their crops all night long on frosty nights in Sisters, all to the detriment of neighbors, who have resided there for decades.

Our road already has increased traffic from Alfalfa operations at all hours of the day and night. Adding a huge commercial grow operation on a blind corner, where speeds exceed 55 mph, will significantly increase fatality risk on a road local residents and cyclists are now avoiding, because of this safety issue.

Our family has owned a rescue and safety business for over 20 years. We pay State, Federal and County Taxes, with corresponding state and federal license numbers. Our customers use this gear to comply with NFPA and OSHA safety standards to protect their lives and the residents whom they serve.

Early this crisp and pristine morning, I popped in the grocery store to purchase flowers and a bottle of wine for a dinner attending this evening. The clerk kindly told me there is a state law that alcohol can NOT be sold anywhere before 7am. A little inconvenient for me, but I will remember this and plan ahead differently in the future. The growers can do

the same, as they are business owners and should be treated as such, not undisciplined children who should expect to get their way.

We currently have a lack of Code Enforcement, as shown via video in our appeal, skunk smell so strong, it affects both the outside and inside of our homes, shipping cargo containers used for fencing, cars with blacked out license plates from Oregon and other states at all hours of the day and night. There are not only workers who travel to these grow operations.

<https://vimeo.com/209011858> is the link to a Video filmed in Tumalo, where there is an example of No Code Enforcement. Please take the time to watch this 7 minute documentary.

According to law enforcement, there is already more marijuana growing in Oregon than is used in the dispensaries. We need not compromise our county based on this single industry. I support SB874 which requires persons working inside a business to report marijuana violation laws.

Oregrown now has Delivery service, as their large bill board displays in Bend. How are these growers transporting this federally illegal drug? According to Marijuana Retailing standards and criteria, the use shall NOT have a walk-up or drive-thru service window. Does delivery sound legal?

Ironically, Marion County with its pristine vineyards, has opted out of growing Marijuana...we here in Deschutes County are willing to fight for our public safety, quality of life and property values too!

Respectfully,  
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