
From: laird@funsonfarms.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 9, 2017 3:50 PM
To: JMR Exhibits
Subject: HB 2198

To the Committee Chair and members:

My name is Laird Funk, I live in Williams, Oregon. I have been involved in the medical marijuana field politically since 1993 when Senator Roberts introduced a bill I authored laying out essentially the structure for what in 1998 became the Oregon Medical Marijuana Act passed by the voters.

In my last letter of testimony I described the problems that OMMP patients had in advising the OHA director on the administration of OMMP and the resultant hardships on patients that the director's ignoring of the ACMM advice created.

I am well pleased with the direction taken by HB 2198 in its amended form. The powers and duties of the to-be-created Cannabis Commission are well suited to the needs of the patients and growers involved with medical marijuana. The orderly partial opening of the adult use market to medical growers will provide those with an increased lawful outlet for their surplus medicine, diminishing the attraction of the underground market.

The benefit of the Cannabis Commission reporting directly to the legislature on the needs and problems of the medical marijuana community is that this will allow the legislature to more suitably respond to that community and thereby better serve that community than has been the case in the past.

Again I urge the committee to move HB 2198 to the floor with a "Do Pass" recommendation.

Thank you,
Laird Funk, 15680 Williams Hwy., Williams, Oregon 97544 541-846-6759