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Co-Chairs Burdick, Lininger and Members of the Committee, and others in attendance.

For the record, my name is June Buechting, testifying on behalf of my Co-op garden and other OMMP ONLY growers, mostly in opposition of HB 2198 and the combining of the OLCC growers and the OMMP growers into one body.

I have no problem with the changing of the name to the **Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission**, since the OLCC oversees the Commercial side of the Cannabis issue.

****However, I read "Changes composition of Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission by adding commissioners from cannabis retail industry."**
?? If we OMMP growers are lumped in here, Who speaks for the OMMP Medical grower? Who is representing them??? **THE MEDICAL USE OF CANNABIS BOARD?**

****ok, so, you have **THE MEDICAL USE OF CANNABIS BOARD** to administer the OMMA, and by June 30 2018, "Updates and creates provisions providing for licensing of marijuana grow sites, marijuana processing sites and medical marijuana dispensaries by **Oregon Liquor Control Commission**".**

??Am I to understand this as ALL grow sites, INCLUDING COMMERCIAL, or **does this include the OMMP grower???**

***** "Makes other technical changes to laws regulating cannabis."**
??Is this just carte blanche? Can they change the laws/rules whenever

they feel like it????

***" Creates alternate registry system administered by **State Department of Agriculture** for growers that produce marijuana for registry identification cardholders".

??Is 'this' where the OMMP growers end up????

***What are all you Industry growers afraid of with your multi million dollar, out of state funded grow sites??? Now that you have MORE than your piece of the pie, that the **Medical grower CREATED**, you want it all??? Medical dispensaries WANT our **craft grown cannabis**. Who else is going to provide to them the quality and variety that patients need?? This is the only way to discourage diversion, and keep our unique Oregon Cannabis within our state.

-9 METRC systems are far too cumbersome and expensive for the small farm grower. Immature Plant limits are still too restrictive, however, if we can hold an unlimited number under 24" then that might be acceptable.

-13 A Medical grower may transfer usable marijuana to a **recreational marijuana processor** or **wholesaler**. What about a Medical Dispensary??? I want to know where the medicine I grow is going. It should go to a Medical dispensary. Don't I have the right to choose where my excess product goes??

-20 This EMERGENCY issue needs to be addressed NOW. Many growers in rural Oregon do not have physical addresses. Who's fault is this? Not the grower. The registering entity either has to accept GPS coordinates, or legal parcel descriptions. This is enough to collect property taxes, it should be good enough to register a grow site.

Finally, I do not support the combining of the OMMP into the OLCC **AT ALL**.

It is my opinion, that we who are remaining in the Medical Marijuana Program, as Medical growers should remain within the Oregon Cannabis Commission, within Oregon Health Authority, and be recognized as being protected under the statement in

Measure 91 that said Sections 7-70 Do not amend or affect in any way the function, duties, and powers of the Oregon Health Authority under the Oregon Medical Marijuana Act.

This was an interesting exercise at a look at what the combination of the OMMP under the OLCC would look like, but not one that is truly looking out for the interests of the Medical Patient or Grower that this whole "industry" is over running.

Once again, as many others have begged you to do. Please leave the OMMP ALONE.

Thank you for your work on these issues that are so important to all of us.
