

TO: Members Jt. Committee on Marijuana Regulation

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SUBJECT: Support for Dash-4 Amendments to SB 1015

Chalice farms strongly supports the dash-4 amendments to SB 1015.

Hemp is a crop that is growing in popularity and value with farmers throughout the state. Unfortunately, the processing (making into usable products) of hemp is lagging behind the desire by farmers to grow the product.

The dash-4 amendments will help address this by:

- Allowing hemp farmers to transfer (sell) their crops to OLCC licensed processors.
- The OLCC licensed processors must enter the product into METRC.
- They must assure the product has been tested, meets the definition of hemp (less than 3% THC), and maintain the testing results.
- The OLCC licensed processor may process the hemp into a concentrate or extract.
- The OLCC licensed processor may either return (sell) the hemp back to the farmer to distribute as hemp (less than 3% THC) or use the hemp extract to augment a cannabis product.
- The OLCC licensed processor may sell the hemp into the retail market.
- All transactions by the processor and subsequent retail store must be tracked in METRC.
- The sale of either the hemp extract or the augmented cannabis product will be subject to the tax currently imposed on cannabis sales.

For these reasons, Chalice Farms supports the dash-4 amendments and urges the committee to adopt them and move the bill.