

February 13, 2018

Senate Committee on Rules

RE: Opposition to SB 1544 -10 Amendment

Senate Majority Leader Burdick, Members of the Committee,

The OIHFA is opposed to the SB 1544 -10 Amendment.

The -10 Amendment is unnecessary and creates overly broad rulemaking authority for OLCC in regards to industrial hemp. Industrial hemp products or commodities that enter OLCC licensed retail premises already are required to meet the same testing requirements established under OLCC rules. Industrial hemp commodities or products are also required to meet the labeling and packaging requirements established by OLCC, including pre-approval. Further, current access for industrial hemp into the OLCC system is restricted to OLCC licensed processors.

The OIHFA is already working closely with OLCC and DOJ on clarifying OLCC regulatory and rulemaking authority over industrial hemp products on OLCC licensed premises in HB 4089.

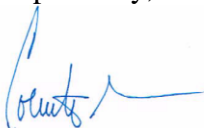
In addition, there is no need to create additional regulatory and bureaucratic requirements for OLCC retailers, especially regulatory requirements dictating where and how a retailer's products must be placed and displayed (-10, Section 6(1)(a)) .

If the Committee did want to establish statutory requirements creating the distinctions such as those proposed in the -10 Amendment, especially with the proposed labeling requirement in -10 (-10, Section 6(1)(b)), then it only follows that industrial hemp products and commodities be regulated and comply with ODA rules and testing requirements that are applicable to all industrial hemp products and commodities, even when the industrial hemp products and commodities are on OLCC licensed premises, and no longer be required to comply with the testing, packaging and labeling requirements under the OLCC rules.

The OIHFA supports and advocates for consumer safety and protection. OIHFA was the association that lobbied for and passed the first laws in the U.S. establishing mandatory testing for industrial hemp products intended for human consumption (*See* HB4060 (2016)). We continue our advocacy for protecting consumers in HB 4089. The -10 Amendment proposal is not necessary.

The OIHFA opposes the -10 Amendment. We respectfully ask that that Committee does NOT adopt the -10 amendment to SB 1544.

Respectfully,



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