

SB 382 Position: Support

Chair Riley, Co-Chair Girod and members of the committee,

My name is Sarah Duff of Portland. I serve on the Board of Directors for Compassionate Oregon and OR NORML. I support removing the 20 pound limit that a medical grower can sell into the market.

1. The bill can help growers help medical marijuana patients charitably. The 20 pound limit was an arbitrary number that doesn't take into account the fact that cannabis is so cheap with pounds going for 200-400 for buds and 100 or less for trim/small buds that processors buy. Only processors and wholesalers are authorized to buy medical product.
2. The 20 pound limit is often not enough to cover the license and grower fees that total around \$2080 per year for 8 patients so they have to sell the pounds for \$104 per pound for 20 pounds to break even on the fees, let alone the growing costs.
3. If the patient receives the medicine they agreed upon then releases the rest back to the grower then they should be able to sell all of the excess and stop giving growers an incentive to sell it illegally.