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To: The Honorable Chair Representative Lively, Vice Chair Representative Bonham, Vice-Chair Fahey and Members of the House Economic Development Committee

From: Meredith Shield, Oregon Cannabis Association

RE: Position statement on HB 2866, Data Transparency and Privacy Protections

Chair Lively, members of the committee: for the record my name is Meredith Shield and I am testifying on behalf of the Oregon Cannabis Association (OCA) in favor of HB 2233 related to social consumption sites for cannabis.

The Oregon Cannabis Association is made up of nearly 300 cannabis producers from across the state. OCA is a diverse group of cultivators, processors, retailers, entrepreneurs, and allied businesses. Our mission is to help one another thrive through networking events, educational workshops, and political representation. Our members are market leaders in the cannabis industry up and down the supply chain and have been working with government since legalization to ensure compliance, responsible consumption, and a competitive marketplace.

I would like to take this opportunity to quickly summarize the -3 amendments. The -3 further clarifies that consumption of cannabinoid edibles and use of topical cannabinoid products in designated enclosed areas and designated outdoor areas and restricts use of marijuana items intended to be smoked, aerosolized, or vaporized to designated outdoor areas of premises licensed for temporary event or cannabis lounge. It requires cannabis lounge that serves food products be subject to restaurant laws and rules instead of cannabis lounge sanitation certificate. Changes operative date to January 1, 2021.

I would also like to share a few helpful FAQ's about the bill:

- Cannabis can only be smoked, aerosolized or vaporized in an enclosed outdoor area with proper ventilation in compliance to the Clean Indoor Air Act-- we are more than willing to work with local governments in finding the the most optimal techniques for proper ventilation with respect to surrounding neighborhoods and businesses
- The bill grants local control to cities and counties of whether or not permanent or temporary licensure may be sought within their respective jurisdiction- in other word they can opt out

- Cannabis products purchased from another retailer outside of licensed lounge or event are strictly prohibited on the premises
- No one under the age of 21 shall be permitted on the premises of licensed lounge or event
- Alcohol and tobacco products are strictly prohibited from being consumed on the premises of licensed lounge or event
- The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) will inspect permanent licensed lounges every 6-months to ensure public health standards are being met

HB 2233 solves a critical problem in that cannabis consumers and producers from around the state are hampered by a cannabis legalization policy that is half finished; cannabis is legal yet there is virtually nowhere to consume it. You will hear more about these barriers from OCA members that have traveled to be here today to tell you their stories. Thank you Chair Lively, members of the committee. And with that I am than happy to take questions.