



Date: 3/13/2019

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

From: Nathan Howard, Co-founder and President, Oregon Cannabis Association Board Member

Re: Testimony in support of HB 2233

Chair Lively, members of the committee: for the record my name is Nathan Howard and I am testifying on behalf of myself and East Fork Cultivars, our small family cannabis and hemp farm located in Southwester Oregon, in favor of HB 2233 related to social consumption sites for cannabis.

Allowing social consumption sites will be fuel for Oregon's economy but more importantly it's an issue of social justice and fairness to all.

The current policy is bad for Oregonians because it discriminates against renters, including medical marijuana patients, as many have no place to legally consume. In some cases renters have received evictions due to safely consuming in their homes. It also prevents tenants from being able to consume in government-subsidized housing, and allows for more opportunities for racial profiling.

Small family farms like ours across Southern Oregon support this bill. It's time to treat people and this plant fairly, and allow for social consumption.

Thanks for your time and service.

Sincerely,
Nathan

