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Chair Rep. Paul Holvey House Rules Committee 900 Court Street NE, Salem, OR 97301

RE: SB 582-A and coordinating with jurisdictions on regulated cannabis exports

Chair Holvey and Members of the Committee:

The Oregon cannabis business marketplace is still in its nascent stages. And it's easy to forget, especially if you're swimming in cannabis policy and regulation full-time, that the entire world of legal, regulated cannabis is still new, changing, and developing.

With that change and adaptation comes a responsibility to not only think about what's happening now, but what will be happening in the weeks, months, and years ahead.

Senate Bill 582-A reflects a commitment to that forward-thinking responsibility.

Positioning the State of Oregon to export legal, regulated cannabis with other states will not only benefit our regional craft cannabis industry, but is smart, prudent policy. There are few business communities that have 50 different, separate, closed-off regulatory frameworks for a given good or service. While we understand that with that status of cannabis at the Federal level that a state-by-state approach is necessary today, we owe it to our constituents, our workers, and Oregon's craft cannabis industry to think about what comes tomorrow.

SB 582-A allows Oregon to prepare for a future where Oregon's high-quality cannabis can be shared with the rest of the country, much like our craft wine and beer industry. And as regulators and policymakers, we need to do everything we can to make that transition as smooth as possible. This bill is a step in that direction.

We urge your support for SB 582-A.

Thank you,

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