

3-4-2021, 1 p.m. – HB 2294HOUSE COMMITTEE ON REVENUE

I oppose HB 2294; the Legislative Assembly has become all hands grasp of this revenue machine. HB 2294, line 4, Three-fifths majority (60%) of the house and senate to authorize Section 2, (2) (a-g) with a blank check. None of these fields have a percentage published instead its blank legislative fill-in, it not when the legislators will increase wholesale distributor tax of marijuana and cannabinoid products (and its companion Bill HB 2015) that HB 2294 is a tax to not leave out the county of the deliver sales point but to decrease the revenue of the distributors place of business in county of origin the products for wholesale market. Nothing like making the wholesale distributors record keeping and accounting more difficult, and oh by the way if you did not know wholesaler's you have to round up to the closest one (1) cent. Department of Revenue must have had numerous meetings over this language. Even income tax reporting does not require rounding to one cent, in fact to ease DOR processing its practice encourages to round up or down to the dollar. Page 2 of HB 2294 goes to great length to explain the penalties, interest and distraint warrant and/or notice of determination of (tax) assessment ... for what reason? Revenue I am sure notifies wholesalers that intend to register for cannabis product license approval, the tax code expense is undoubtedly part of their business plan of the applicant and probably spelled out in the application process and I definitely know that the Oregon Consumer and Business Department booklet contains tax liability information 'How to Start a Business in Oregon'. Here's the clincher if the wholesaler pays an overpayment DOR will apply to credit against next quarterly tax payment. Dear Wholesalers of Marijuana product and sub-products, is DOR paying you interest to hold your overpayment, maybe HB 2294 does not say, only indicates that you may file within three years after the due date of that return to get you money back. Section 1 a total reiteration's of Section 6. Please do not continue with this Bill.