

I am writing to express my support for HB 3239 that would limit chemical processing of marijuana in residential areas and subject such operations to a fire safety plan. Its imperative that we cease operations of such facilities and prevent their establishment outside of areas without proper infrastructure to support safe operations.

There are several reasons that this bill is critically needed, and passage and enacting this measure is **timely and the need is real, not theoretical**. Among these are:

- 1) **Fire prevention**
- 2) **Water for life**

Fire Prevention: Last summer we residents of the Chehalem Mountain were terrorized by a 900 acre fire that erupted during the dry weather and wind event of Labor Day Weekend. The epicenter of the fire was downhill and close by an existing Cannabis Hemp Oil processing facility allowed to operate in this Chehalem Mountain Groundwater Limited area.

My wife and I along with hundreds of neighbors were evacuated from our homes for over a week while TVFR attempted to extinguish the conflagration. As you can imagine, there are *few* major sources of water for fire fighting here in this residential countryside and Groundwater Limited area. Only after a water bomber was flown in from Canada to refill from Hagg Lake was the fire able to be controlled after weeks of battling the fire. Meanwhile, the Cannabis facility continues to operate, never having been inspected by fire marshals or public safety officials and uses dangerously flammable solvents while proposing to tap millions of gallons of water annually from our aquifers. Continued operation of this facility, and others like it is a threat to fire-life safety.



Water for Life: operations like the Cannabis Hemp Oil processing facility mentioned above consume vast quantities of water for growing and processing its crop; the facility proposes to use 58,000 gallons per day. Allowing their operation in a Groundwater Limited area threatens the water levels of our aquifers. Should the water table drop below current well levels, thousands of residents would be without that very necessity of life. Hundreds of area businesses that have groundwater wells for their operations would be cut off from their livelihood!

I have no opposition to the safe and healthful production of crops, including Cannibals and CBD products. That is why I am in favor of **HB 3239** that seeks to focus and define areas with proper infrastructure for fire-life safety in these operations. Please vote to approve and quickly enact HB 3239

Scott Shull
Founder & Winegrower
Celebrating 26 Vintages of Willamette Valley Wines

Raptor Ridge Winery
18700 SW Hillsboro Hwy, Newberg, Oregon 97132
C: 503-367-4265
scott@RaptorRidgeWinery.com

