

I am writing in support of HB 3239. I fully support the production and processing of Cannabis, but I also believe that the processing facilities should be located in industrial areas that have adequate fire protection since those processing activities involve the use of highly flammable chemicals. Allowing processing facilities to be constructed and used on farm or forest land creates an extreme fire hazard, since most such properties are located far from any fire departments, and water access is extremely limited. There was a fire on Chehalem Mountain last year which resulted in our evacuation for several days from our home, and the fire fighting required the use of tanker trucks to haul water in for the firefighting effort. We currently have a proposal to construct a butane hash oil processing facility in our area, and such facilities are prone to fires and explosions. The construction of this facility on farm land would create an extreme fire danger. I firmly believe that the processing of Cannabis is a perfectly legal and useful activity, but because of the danger of fire resulting from those activities, they must be limited or restricted to industrial areas with adequate fire protection nearby.