

We are writing to express support for HB 3239.

This is a critical bill that seeks to define more appropriate areas and infrastructure needed for marijuana processing facilities like the one existing on the Chehalem Mountains (referenced in the discussion of the bill). Allowing this facility to continue operations would result in:

1. Loss of water for thousands of nearby residents. This type of facility can consume more than 50,000 gallons of water per day. This amount of water use in our deep well mountainside would empty the aquifer, wipe out wildlife, and ruin homes and other properties in the area.
2. A likely fire catastrophe that would likely occur due to the very flammable chemicals required for this processing facility. No one needs a reminder of the disastrous 2020 fire season that resulted in millions in financial losses and air quality challenges to people and wildlife living in most of Oregon.

Please vote to approve and immediately begin implementing HB 3239

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