

I am writing in support of House Bill 3239. This issue is of particular concern to me, because I live in a rural area up in the hills near the Washington and Yamhill County line that is not far from a grow operation with plans to process cannabis with flammable chemicals. This area has narrow, winding roads, and no fire suppression infrastructure. There aren't any hydrants, and water tankers have to come from quite a distance in order to fight fires, as was the case in the Chehalem Mountain wildfires we had last September. This specific property at 18505 NE Jaquith Road in Newberg is located in a dense dry forest in the Chehalem Mountains. It is windy up here much of the time. A facility using volatile flammable solvents to extract oil from cannabis belongs in an industrial area with lots of concrete close to fire stations and fire hydrants. What happens after these chemicals are used and how they are disposed of is also of great concern. All it takes is a quick Internet search of "cannabis processing" to get a picture of how hazardous this activity is. Explosions happen frequently, and that would be absolutely catastrophic for this area, its residents, and firefighters. Please pass this bill and put sensible geographical limits on where this hazardous processing can take place. Thank you.