

Katharine Bronwen

*1980 Colestin Road,
Ashland, Oregon 97520*

January 26, 2021

To: House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

Subject: Oppose HB 2281 Unless Amended – Oregon Hemp Act

Dear Chair Witt and Committee Members,

I am opposed to HB 2281 unless it is amended to remove Sections 1 through 4 dealing with criminal background checks and the associated prohibitions on licensing.

Hemp is a legal agricultural product, and all citizens, regardless of past criminal activity, should be allowed to grow and handle hemp. Those who have been convicted of crimes and made restitution, must be afforded the opportunity to be gainfully employed and fully participate in our society and economic opportunities.

Sincerely,



Katharine Bronwen