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To: House Committee on Rules; [others]

Re: I OPPOSE [HB 3000A]...As written. It is a complex labyrinth of legalese requiring additional layers of government.

The Legislature wants to empower the Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) to study cannabis. A little late don't you think? Shouldn't the Legislature have "studied cannabinoids," their derivatives and artificial counterparts before making this stuff legal? The criminal element associated with the cannabis industry is miles ahead of you.

The Legislature can't even figure out how to allow alcohol sales in supermarkets thereby shutting down the OLCC's operations in the alcohol business. Now, the Legislature wants to empower the OLCC to study cannabis?

How much is [HB 3000A] going to cost the taxpayers? What fund(s) will be used? I don't think the Legislature cares how much money is going to be spent and or the guaranteed expansion of government regulations and overheads [HB 3000A] is going to create. It's going to real tough at this late date to "real-in" the cannabis industry.

Has any Member of the Legislature taken the time to; read, research and consult with the Court's representatives and Law Enforcement on how [HB 3000A] is going to add additional confusion to their jobs? I think not.

I have included a few "snippets" of [HB 3000A] in case the Members of the Legislature are too busy "sparking up a doobie" or enjoying a "hit" off the ol' pipe to actually read and comprehend [HB 3000A].

As the old saying goes, "...Don't bogart that joint...my friend...Pass it over to me...Roll another one...Just like the other one..."

"The Summary of [HB 3000A] states, "Defines "adult use cannabis item," “artificially derived cannabinoid” and "tetrahydrocannabinol" for statutes related to marijuana and industrial hemp. Authorizes Oregon Liquor Control Commission to regulate artificially derived cannabinoids. Requires industrial hemp commodities or products intended for human consumption to be processed by licensed marijuana processor. Prohibits person other than licensed marijuana retailer from selling specified industrial hemp commodity or product to consumer. Requires commission to adopt rules establishing maximum concentration of tetrahydrocannabinol and other cannabinoids, including artificially derived cannabinoids, in single serving of cannabinoid product. Directs State Department of Agriculture to administer Oregon Hemp State Program for production, processing and sale of industrial hemp. Requires department to conduct criminal records check on applicant for industrial hemp grower license. Directs commission, in consultation with department, to adopt by rule maximum concentration of tetrahydrocannabinol, other cannabinoids and artificially derived cannabinoids in single servings of industrial hemp product. Allows marijuana processor to transfer, sell or transport industrial hemp commodity or product to person that is not a marijuana processor, retailer or wholesaler if commodity or product meets specified requirements. Prohibits sale of industrial hemp commodity or product intended for human consumption to consumer unless commodity or product meets specified requirements. Establishes Task Force on Cannabis-Derived Intoxicants. Requires task force to submit interim report not later than December 31, 2021, and final report not later than December 31, 2022, to interim committee of Legislative Assembly related to economic development. Declares emergency, effective on passage."

[HB 3000A] excerpt states, "...(a) Changes to state law to support the regulation of intoxicating cannabis-derived products and artificially derived cannabinoids; (b) The consolidation of administrative functions related to the regulation of cannabis; (c) Methods to prevent sales to minors of industrial hemp commodities or products that contain intoxicating cannabinoids; (d) Regulation to address genetic engineering of cannabis; (e) Testing requirements and methods of enforcement of testing requirements for cannabinoids, including artificially derived cannabinoids, to protect the public health and safety; (f) Policy changes related to interstate commerce and transportation of cannabis;..."

Respectfully submitted,
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