

To the Joint Committee on Transport and Economic Development:

RE:02/17/2021 Public Hearing Written Testimony

HB 5018 in Opposition pending the following revisions/requests:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input. I have the following suggestions in response to hearing public testimony on the matter.

1. IT Bonding is required to include embedded open access to digital data for private and other interested parties. Preclude the OLCC from selling the data and enforce an open access data policy. The expected outcome of this policy would be to increase the profits across the entire sector due to better access to information. Think of government generated data as a seed for additional private use and software development in the technological sector. This will also serve as a separate public auditory review of internal data.
2. Caution is advised to State Legislatures, viewing alcohol sales as an opportunity is at odds of alcohol causing significant public health impacts. Reduce general budget dependency on alcohol sales should go to alcoholic recovery services.
3. Set up a license owner retirement or transfer process that prioritizes people of color. Include mandatory improvement to 20% of all state retail licenses are people of color. Prioritize people of color over gender.
4. In response to the local city and county governments loss of local revenue: If they want to increase sales and taxes in their communities they should relax local and county land use and zoning regulations that make it prohibitively expensive to open either a dispensary or liquor store.
5. The waitlog to get an OLCC cannabis license is APPALLING!! This isn't an equitable market, this is one that cements in the existing large operators. Include mandates for equitable licensing access.
6. There is a warehousing shortage across the state in all economic sectors. Recommend ODOT research lands near interchanges for conversion to industrial warehousing. There are a lot of under-used interchange land areas that could backfill land needs for warehousing land space for large scale build outs. Warehousing next to interchanges is an appropriate use.

Overall I wish to remind the elected state officials that it is their duty and responsibility to enable as much public participation as possible. I have had multiple uniquely dismissive support from the State of Oregon LRPO staff when trying to access this system.

It feels as though they believe their job is to follow every rule, but really what they are doing is limiting their liability and workload. I encourage the OLIS system administrators to add more written testimony digital access points that are NOT related to the time of the public hearing. Burying it in an email link is disingenuous.

Sincerely

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