



Oregon Retailers of Cannabis Association

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To: Co-Chair Beyer, Co-Chair Gomberg, and Members of the Joint Committee on Transportation and Economic Development

Re: Testimony regarding HB 5018

Honorable Members of the Joint Committee on Transportation and Economic Development,

My name is Jesse Bontecou, I am the Co-Director of the Oregon Retailers of Cannabis Association (ORCA). ORCA is the largest trade association of cannabis businesses in the state, representing approximately 500 member businesses of all license types all across Oregon.

On behalf of our membership, we ask that you support the OLCC's proposed budget. The OLCC's work is essential to a smoothly operating cannabis industry. The more efficient and responsive the OLCC is for our rapidly growing and changing cannabis industry, the more successful our industry can be. Whether it is processing change applications, new applications, reforming rules, providing guidance, responding to natural disasters, or simply answering our members' questions, speed is absolutely essential. With national legalization on the horizon, this will only become more significant and important to the ability of Oregon's cannabis industry to compete on a national level.

Over the last year, we have seen the OLCC work diligently with the industry to improve licensing and application processes and begin to tackle enforcement reform. It is important that they have the resources to continue this important work and develop a thriving cannabis market place.

We thank you for your time today, and we ask you to support the OLCC's budget request.

Respectfully,

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