

Chair Bynum, Vice Chair's Nguyen and Morgan, and members of the committee:

As a small business owner, I'm asking you to oppose HB 2505, which would have catastrophic impacts on businesses like mine across Oregon.

We are an Oregon family owned and operated, legacy, sun grown farm based in the Rogue Valley. We pay our employees living wages, support other locally owned businesses (cannabis and non-cannabis alike), and promote environmental responsibility within the cannabis industry.

In addition to farming sustainably, we also help reduce the plastic waste impact from cannabis businesses in Oregon by only using compostable, reusable, or recyclable packaging on our products to consumers that do not contain any petroleum-based plastics. Sadly, we are one of the very few businesses that choose environmentally responsible product packaging.

- We all work and live in small and large communities that we care deeply about, and we want our cities and counties to be able to perform the valuable services necessary for safe and thriving communities. We hope there is a better solution to solve the funding problems than what is proposed in HB 2505.
- By increasing the maximum tax on marijuana, this would be indirectly fueling the illegal market and pushing consumers to untested marijuana products.
- Oregon's legal cannabis sector is extremely distressed and volatile. We compete with an illegal market, don't have access to financial services, pay unusual security costs, can't deduct business expenses from federal taxes, and face numerous, unique regulatory burdens.
- Our industry cannot withstand any increases in taxes or additionally burdensome regulations. This would severely hurt family owned, environmentally responsible businesses like ours, and create an even more difficult market that gives large cannabis corporations an advantage, thus pushing out the locally owned and operated family businesses.

Now is not the time to add new taxes to Oregon's very fragile cannabis industry – I urge you to vote NO on HB 2505.

Thank you,
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