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On Behalf Of:
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SB 326 HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Oppose SB 326 in its entirety, poorly thought out by the legislature. The Oregon Task Force for Cannabis performs the law enforcement duties of charging and arresting. Confiscating personal property and returning stolen personal property, and the growing and cured cannabis, which OTFC claims to destroy. Why? The testing and sale of these products is a cash crop, is that not what the cannabis distribution license is all about? The proceeds could be used to clean up the deteriorating construction of plastic greenhouse sheeting; the PVC pipe could be given to a slightly used reseller for other legal crops to be grown.

When is the legislature going to start thinking outside the box of fines and punishments? It's a lucrative money source for the state, county and city government, if there is any way to collect.

Throwing an elderly or absentee vacant land owner in jail for up to 364 days absolves the state of housing these supposed criminals to serve their sentence in county jail. Bet the county sheriffs do not like this plan whatsoever, but are concerned with speaking up.

Lien of property is practiced more than not by government and a go to for stripping property owners of ownership. Is Oregon on the same page as WEF; "You will own nothing, and be happy about it", positively NOT a course Oregon should consider.

Then there is the unreasonableness of the lien process and the outrageousness of the interest the State charges.

The totally ludicrous process of obtaining a payment plan, one mistake on the payment plan application and the Revenue Department [which collects most of the funds owed to a government entity by someone is round filed]. Better to collect some of the money owed to corporate local entities of Oregon and Oregon itself than to collect none at all? The process is difficult to impossible, and in principle the policies of the Revenue Department deny most collection except by lump sum. By not paying what the State presumes a citizen can reasonably afford is pig-headed, and it not only hurts the debtor be financially stable, but the entire State revenue collection scheme.