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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Business and Labor

Measure: HB3049

Dear Members of the Oregon State Legislature,

I am writing to testify about the importance of supporting scientific research when making regulations about hemp in Oregon and to urge support for continued research into new cannabinoid products produced from hemp. One of the emerging issues in this field is the regulation of novel cannabinoids that are synthesized from hemp, such as Delta-8 THC. These compounds have become popular as they offer different effects and benefits compared to traditional cannabinoids. However, their legal status and potential risks are not yet fully understood.

Researchers at Portland State University have taken the lead in seeking to identify the toxicant profile of these substances and have a vested interest in supporting the emerging legal cannabinoid industries in the state. Any regulatory action should seriously account for the breadth of scientific resources available throughout state universities and colleges while looking to better integrate existing programs into future regulatory measures.

It is essential that regulations governing hemp and its derivatives are grounded in the best available scientific evidence. Scientific research can inform policy decisions related to dosing, safety, efficacy, and quality control, and help to identify potential risks and side effects. Moreover, scientific research can help to dispel myths and misconceptions about cannabinoids, ensuring that consumers are not misled by false or exaggerated claims.

In conclusion, I urge you to prioritize scientific research and evidence-based policymaking when it comes to regulating hemp and its derivatives in Oregon. This will help to ensure that Oregonians have access to safe, high-quality products that meet their needs and expectations while promoting innovation and economic growth in this exciting new industry.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,
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