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Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill and its Dash 1 amendments. I would second the comments made by Courtney Moran and the OHFA. I participated on the Task Force and was one of the ones pushing for uniform labeling and product registration for consumer safety. That said, this needs to apply to all products sold in Oregon and only apply at the retail level for those products actually sold in Oregon. This bill should not apply to any other stages of manufacturing or to products sold outside Oregon, since those products would need to meet the requirements of the states where they are sold.

A uniform registration and labeling program needs to be simple and easy to do or it will be ignored by the industry and it needs to include oversight at the retail level to verify compliance. It would be up to rulemaking to determine a specific program, but I argued on the Task Force for a QR type labeling program that linked back to the specific testing results for the product batch.

The OLCC does not have a good track record of following statute. They banned Delta 8 products when given the authority to regulate those products. There is very little trust from the hemp industry toward the leadership at OLCC. Any authority given to the OLCC needs to be very limited in scope.

The registration program should be a one-time only system that covers the cost of the actual registration rather than fees designed to fund that entire program. Similar to the need to keep it simple, it must be cost effective or the industry will simply ignore it, especially if there is no enforcement.

In summary, the proposed registration and labeling system needs to cover all consumable (ingestible and inhalable) hemp products sold in Oregon at the retail level only, be simple, cost-effective, and limited in scope. There also needs to be a program for verification of compliance at the retail level.