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SB 353 Testimony in support  
Senate Committee on Judiciary  
Anthony Taylor, Chair, Oregon Cannabis Commission

Chair Prozanski, Vice chair Thatcher, members of the Committee, for the record my name is Anthony Taylor, I am the current chair of the Oregon Cannabis Commission.

SB 353 addresses several changes to the OMMP that will increase patient access to cannabis and cannabinoid items.

Some of these changes are simple housekeeping.

- Adds SSDI to the list of qualifications to receive a reduced fee for their cards,
- Waives all fees associated with the registration of minor children applying for OMMP participation including any fees associated with the production of cannabis flower for these patients.
- Allows OMMP growers tracking in CTS to transfer plant material to OLCC licensed processors,
  - removes the burden from providing plant material from patients and caregivers who are using processed cannabinoid items. This was the process during OHA medical only program where growers were allowed to transfer plant material to OHA medical only processors.
- Allows OMMP growers tracking in CTS to transfer excess flower to any currently valid patient or caregiver.
  - This will increase access to cannabis for patients who are unable to find a grower to produce flower for them they cannot produce for themselves and reduce the amount of excess flower that is available to the unregulated markets
- Increases possession limits of usable cannabis and cannabinoid items to facilitate access for patients who need more product, especially the higher potency products needed to meet their long-term needs.
  - This change will also facilitate transfer limit adjustments under rule in the OLCC processor to patient/caregiver transfer

The last change the Commission is advocating for in this bill would move oversight of the cannabis research certificate from the OLCC to the OHA where applications could be properly evaluated. This should precipitate a reduction in the fee for a certificate from \$4,000 to a nominal registration fee and some changes to rule to facilitate study subjects receiving cannabis.