

RE: Please Support HB 4121 for a Sustainable Cannabis Industry in Oregon

Chair Kropf, and Honorable Members of the House Committee on Judiciary

I am writing to you today to ask that you support passage of HB4121, Sections 12 & 15-20 are essential to the survival of my business.

My name is Zachary Freeman and as the founder of Koru Cannabis, I've been proud to contribute to Oregon's economy from Hillsboro since 2014. My business partners and I started this on a shoe string, working 70-80 hour weeks for 3 years with no salaries and no profit. We've now grown our team to 16 full time, dedicated employees. Yet today, I write to you with a sense of urgency, advocating for the passage of HB 4121, with special emphasis on Sections 15-20, which is vital for our continued operation and the health of the cannabis industry statewide.

The current licensing excess has plunged the market into chaos, undermining our ability to forecast and expand. Section 15-20 of HB 4121, the "Cannabis Licensing Cap and Moratorium," would instill the much-needed predictability, empowering us to make strategic investments, securing jobs, and encouraging economic growth.

Your support for HB 4121 is a vote for a sustainable, equitable, and competitive cannabis industry in Oregon. I implore you to reflect on these provisions' potential to enhance market stability and regulatory coherence, directly impacting businesses like mine and the broader economic landscape.

Thank you for considering this crucial legislation.

Respectfully,

Zachary Freeman
Co-owner, Director of Cultivation
Koru Cannabis