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To: House Committee On Judiciary
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RE: Water League supports HB 4121.

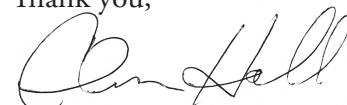
Chair Kropf, Vice-Chair Andersen, Vice-Chair Wallan, and Committee Members,

Water League supports HB 4121 because the bill seeks to fix problems that have plagued the hemp and cannabis industry for years. We believe this bill is a good next step and assume there will be more work ahead in years to come.

We specifically support Section 1(2), which establishes a map of all licensed hemp and adult-use cannabis operations, and subsection (3), which makes the map “available to law enforcement agencies in this state and public employees and officials who are responsible for the enforcement of state and local laws regulating industrial hemp or marijuana.”

Water is the single most important substance to any plant. Cannabis can be grown without soil, and the plant will survive in a dark shed indefinitely. Cannabis dies within a week when it has no water. The Oregon Department of Water Resources Watermasters, their superiors, and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality Investigators should have access to the maps described in Section 1 so that they may competently discharge their duties as public employees and officials referred to in Section 1. Therefore, we request an amendment to Section 1(3) to read [**emphasis added**]: “...laws regulating industrial hemp or marijuana **and related to hemp or marijuana cultivation.**”

Thank you,



Christopher Hall
Executive Director