

## YES ON SB 1548A: Safer Marijuana Act

Senate Committee on Early Childhood Behavioral Health - 2026

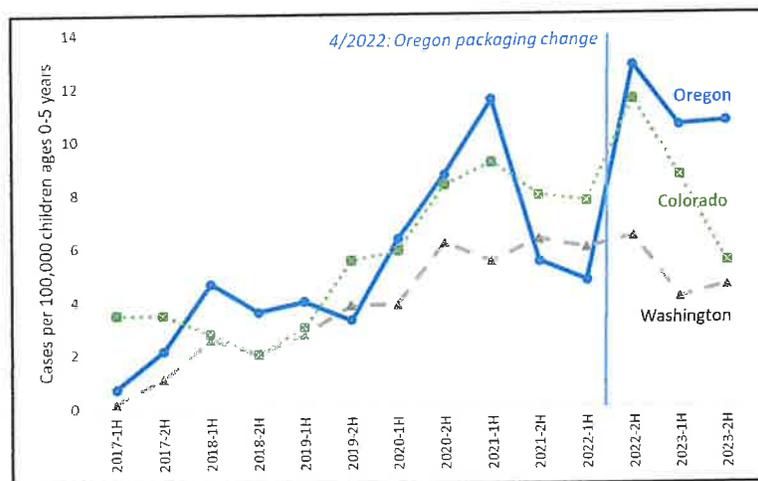
Committee Vote: 5-0

### PROBLEMS:

- Oregon is seeing a spike in marijuana poisoning among young children and older adults. Children's smaller body mass, coupled with marijuana products in the form of gummies, cookies, and chocolate bars, makes them particularly vulnerable to Tetrahydrocannabinol [THC], the toxic, psychoactive ingredient in marijuana. In fact Oregon's Poison Control Center is seeing an uptick in toddler poisoning from THC.
- Oregon youth are particularly susceptible to cannabis use disorder (CUD) because of their developing brain and the widely available, high-potent products, putting them at risk for chronic mental illness.

### SOLUTIONS:

- To address THC toxicity in toddlers and the risk for youth CUD:
  - Create edibles that do not resemble candy and cookies.
  - Implement WA's successful mitigation measures (see chart) in preventing THC poisoning (*these are the two interventions in SB 1548-1*):
    - Limiting a unit of an edible to one serving size of THC (10 mg).
      - There are many 100 mg-THC gummies, for example.
    - Require individual wrapping of each edible (each 10 mg serving size).
      - This reduces the risk of a toddler eating several edibles.
    - These two interventions will also help lower the dose taken by youth, lowering the risk of CUD.



*Washington State's single-unit/single serving size packaging for edibles has been shown to decrease hospitalization and THC poisoning among children by 50% and potentially older adults, but Oregon currently does not have such a requirement.*



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