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Members of the house Committee on economic development, small business and trade,

I am writing in support of SB 1548: Edible cannabis, products should be individually wrapped with no more than 10 mg portions, and in child resistant packaging. This has been shown to reduce toddler poisoning of THC, which has been sharply on the rise since legalization of cannabis.

Another urgent area of concern is that of increased adolescent use of cannabis. The same packaging legislation will help solve this issue since edibles tend to attract adolescents as a less intimidating way to ingest these high potency THC products. This has become an entryway for cannabis use at younger ages when vulnerable childhood brains are still developing leading to an increase in cannabis use disorder as well as cannabis psychosis. All of this has been on the rise and is not to be taken lightly. I have seen this in many of my patients in my practice alone. There has been a drastic and an alarming increase in the past five years after having practice for 30 years. By allowing easy access without individual packaging, we are slowly watching an epidemic of cannabis use in the youth which is destroying these children's opportunities and gravely hampering our future work force in Oregon.

Thank you for your time,
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