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Proponent Testimony on SB 1548

Chair Nguyen
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On behalf of Shatterproof, a national nonprofit dedicated to ending the addiction crisis, I'm writing in support of **Senate Bill 1548** to strengthen Oregon's recreational marijuana laws. We commend your leadership on this important public health issue, particularly given the growing health concerns related to the impacts of marijuana on youth and young adults.

I worked in the Oregon legislature in the 2015 legislative session. At that time, the legislature was charged with enacting legislation to implement the ballot measure that legalized recreational marijuana. In the intervening years, we have learned a lot from other states that have followed suit and from research and data on the effects of cannabis on young people.

SB 1548 requires individual wrapping of cannabinoid edibles and limits the THC content of each edible to 10mg. These changes could help curb accidental ingestion of edible products by children (and pets!) or reduce the potential harms of accidental ingestion. According to data from America's Poison Centers, marijuana-related calls to poison control nationwide have increased more than 20-fold from 2009 Through 2024¹.

We know that marijuana is not healthy for young people's growing brains, and research shows that teen cannabis use can have negative effects on problem-solving, memory, attention, and learning². Limiting the THC content in edibles to 10 mg is an important step towards reducing the likelihood that young people will ingest potentially dangerous amounts of THC, which can lead to serious mental health effects.

Thank you for your leadership on this important issue. Shatterproof strongly supports SB 1548 to protect the health of Oregonians.

Sincerely,



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¹ <https://www.nytimes.com/2025/08/10/health/cannabis-poisoning-children.html>

² <https://www.cdc.gov/cannabis/health-effects/cannabis-and-teens.html>