

Madame Chair and Members of the Committee thank you for the opportunity to testify tonight. My name is Amy Margolis. I am an attorney and the Director of the Oregon Growers PAC representing producers and processors across the state of Oregon. I have been asked to speak before the committee about adding a "5th license" to BM 91. Currently, there are four licenses meant to capture all parts of the production and distribution chain for legal cannabis. Those four licenses do exactly what they are meant to do but do not address the unique needs of the research community. The Committee, and Oregon, has a truly unique opportunity to add a license on that would allow for cultivation and processing focused on three types of research.

1. Plant Sciences
2. Plant Inputs
3. Medical Research

We focused on these three segments because they encompass the true needs of the research community. In reaching out to partners in the scientific and medical community and by continuing to engage them in this process, a fifth license could move the cannabis industry in Oregon forward in a way that no other state with recreational marijuana has done.

This license would allow for the following:

- Medical research- Oregon could be on the forefront of true medical research regarding cannabis. As a leader in other types of medical research, it is time that we fully understand the true potential of cannabis. While we know that medical use of cannabis has been successful for MS, epilepsy, PTSD and other serious and life-changing conditions, Oregon has the opportunity to take that knowledge deeper. This would allow Oregonians to be on the front end of developing new products and helping people who are truly suffering.
- Plant sciences- This goes hand and hand with both the medical research piece as well as the plant inputs piece. Understanding what makes cannabis so special is only part of the puzzle. Treating this like we would any other plant, understanding the genetics, the best forms of cultivation, isolation the best strains for specific purposes creates educated cultivators, retailers and consumers. It also allows for the production of the safest, healthiest cannabis possible.
- Plant inputs- This is a unique part of the proposition. And, works directly with the two license sections above. We have a chance in Oregon to bring traditional businesses, that sell inputs (nutrients, soil, lighting) here to create research and development facilities focusing on these support inputs. Allowing companies to build and operate these facilities would help with job creation, long term investment in Oregon's future and the most advanced, innovative and holistic cannabis industry.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak on this issue.

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