Tourism and the Future of the Oregon Cannabis Industry

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From A to Z

- National & Local Cannabis Industry Trends
- Current Tax Revenue & Statistics
- Job Creation & Growth
- Barriers to Future Growth
- Opportunities

- How Big is the National Cannabis Economy?

- According to the oft-cited "<u>State of Legal Marijuana Markets</u>" report by ArcView Market Research (2017; 5th ed.)...
 - Annual sales of \$6.9 billion reported in 2016.
 - Annual sales over \$17 billion projected by 2020.
- An earlier (2014) report by GreenWave Advisors titled "<u>State of</u> <u>the Emerging Marijuana Industry: Current Trends and</u> <u>Projections</u>" included similar findings, and projected annual sales of up to \$35 billion by 2020.

Oregon Marijuana Tax Statistics: Accounting Information



Source: Oregon Department of Revenue Research Section (monthly receipt report data)

Note: Amounts reflect payments made by businesses during the calendar month, rather than tax liability. Tax liability is determined by a tax return.

Amounts cannot be directly translated to sales made by businesses to consumers, for several reasons.

Retailers retain two percent of taxes collected as a reimbursement for the cost of tax collection.

Payments might have been made later than when they were due, especially when the program was new.

Date updated: February 21, 2017

Oregon Marijuana Tax Statistics: Characteristics of Filed Returns

2016 Quarter 1: sales occurring January 4, 2016 through March 31, 2016

		Average Grams by			Sales for All		
	Number of Filed	Grams of Flower Establishment Average Price Pro		Products	ucts State Tax Liability ³		
Region	<u>Returns¹</u>	Sold ² (rounded)	(rounded)	per Gram	(rounded)	for the Quarter	
Central/Gorge/Northeastern	23	406,000	18,000	\$8.19	\$3,324,000	\$814,459	
Oregon Coast	28	376,000	13,000	\$8.98	\$3,382,000	\$828,583	
Portland City Limits	109	2,170,000	20,000	\$8.42	\$18,274,000	\$4,476,425	
Portland Surrounding Areas	24	869,000	36,000	\$9.42	\$8,188,000	\$2,006,167	
Southern Oregon	23	273,000	12,000	\$8.84	\$2,414,000	\$591,883	
Willamette Valley	46	903,000	20,000	\$9.07	\$8,183,000	\$2,000,658	
Statewide Total	253	4,997,000	20,000	\$8.76	\$43,766,000	\$10,718,176	

¹Approximately 25 percent of businesses either did not file any tax return for Quarter 1 or filed one that did not contain sensible component information. ²Grams sold only includes flower. Sales of leaves, seeds, and immature plants are too few to report.

³The total liability this quarter is \$13,455,202. That includes returns filed by the Department of Revenue because businesses did not file.

Most businesses made payments even if they didn't file a return.

Some payments were submitted late during the first quarter of the marijuana tax.

The presence of rounding may prevent exact matching of mathematical calculations.

Source: Oregon Department of Revenue Research Section Statistics as of October 10, 2016

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initial market of almost \$300M¹

112% sales increase from "limited sales"

Table 1. Estimated Current Employment

	Full Time	Part Time	Total	% Full Time
Medical Sales Only	70	125	195	35.8%
Medical & Adult Use Sales	1,277	683	1,961	65.1%
Industry-Wide Totals	1,347	808	2,156	62.5%

Table 2. Employment Growth Scenarios By Year End 2017

Scenario	Total Dispensaries	Full Time	Part Time	Totals	Incr. Over Current
Low	340	1505	852	2357	9%
Medium	367	1558	882	2440	13%
High	394	1743	986	2729	27%

Barriers

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Barriers to Future Growth of the Industry

- Over Regulation (more recently at local level)
- "Defacto" bans
- Over Taxation
- Responsible Consumption & Events
 (aka new reasons to visit Oregon!)



Cannabis Weddings













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SB 307: Responsible Consumption & Events

What does SB 307 do?

SB 307 would provide for consumption and sale of cannabis items at (a) temporary events or (b) cannabis lounges, subject to regulation by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) and local government.

What problem does SB 307 solve?

Currently, adults and patients who purchase cannabis in Oregon have nowhere to consume it legally unless they own their own home. This has led some otherwise well-intentioned users to consume openly on sidewalks or in public parks. SB 307 would establish a common-sense policy for social consumption. By allowing social consumption of cannabis by responsible adults within designated and licensed areas, SB 307 would reduce problems associated with public use.

🔁 – SB 307: Responsible Consumption & Events

Who cares about this issue?

SB 307 would improve quality of life for a number of groups who are dissatisfied with the current gaps in Oregon's cannabis rules, including:

- Medical cannabis patients who have nowhere to legally consume their medicine.
- Families living in public housing, especially under federal programs (i.e. Section 8), who risk losing their homes if they possess or consume cannabis.
- Parents not wanting to subject their children to cannabis consumption at home.
- Renters who live in buildings that prohibit cannabis consumption on the premises.
- Marijuana retailers who wish to advise customers on how to safely consume.
- Alcohol retailers who face potential liability if cannabis is consumed on their premises.
- Neighborhood associations with member residents and businesses located near existing cannabis businesses where customers may currently consume in public.
- Schools and other community centers.
- Students living in campus housing.
- Tourists staying in hotels.



What about local policy?

Consistent with existing Oregon law, SB 307 preserves the rights of local governments to license and regulate commercial cannabis businesses within their jurisdiction. SB 307 is entirely "opt in." It would not "force" any government to issue licenses allowing social cannabis consumption.

Why now?

- Legal consumption = Additional Tax Revenue
- Responsible adults deserve a safe LEGAL space to consume
- Short timeline to capitalize before CA & NV come online (Denver recently legalized cannabis lounges)
- Positioning for the eventual fall of federal prohibition
- Did I mention....

ADDITIONAL TAX REVENUE!





Any questions ?

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