

February 7, 2019

To: Members of the House Committee on Business and Labor

Re: HB 2655

Rep. Barker, Barretto, and Other Committee Members:

My name is Sidney Stuller and I live in King City, Oregon. I am testifying in opposition to HB 2655.

Years ago, a member of our family used marijuana, of course without our knowledge. This proved, in time to be a gateway substance to harder drugs which alienated this family member from parents and former friends. Today, this person is on methodone therapy.

I am opposed to the use of this now legal substance for any persons who work as medical professionals or as employees caring for intellectually disabled persons or persons with severe dementia, who are dependent on sound judgement and rapid response to emergencies.

The mechanisms for detection of marijuana in the bodies and brains of employees are not readily available at job sites, and urinary analysis does not seem very practical every time an employee checks in for work. Until such affordable and practical methods are available to employers at the hundreds of job sites in this state should the law be a gamble that no tragedies would occur?

This bill deserves to be put to rest until such time that patients and clients minds or those of their families and guardians can be put to rest regarding the usage of this drug by employees on whom other vulnerable persons are dependent.

Sincerely,

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