

## **SB 639 -\_Position: Support.**

Chair Riley, Co-Chair Girod and members of the committee,

My name is Sarah Duff of Portland. I serve on the Board of Directors for Compassionate Oregon and OR NORML. Please make the a cannabis consumer's dream come true. And please allow a medical cannabis patient to use the cannabis their doctor recommends in a warm and dry place.

1. Many medical marijuana cardholders and adult cannabis users are not allowed to use cannabis in their rental units forcing them to use on the street.
2. Cannabis users risk a DUII if they seek shelter in their car to use cannabis because they can not use cannabis in their rental.
3. Enforcement of use in public and DUIIs disproportionately targets minorities and the low income.
4. The bill would require ventilation for the safety of patrons.
5. Tourism money would be attracted to Oregon. I've seen Amsterdam streets completely clogged because people will travel around the world to be free and treated like an adult like I did when I went there three times.
6. The state can't save us from the harmful effects of cannabis smoking indoors. Those that use indoors will continue to do so at their home or in their car where there is not a fancy ventilation system. Anyone that works at a cannabis lounge smokes it themselves and likes being around it. Plus cannabis smoking is the only medicine that has helped me stop vomiting when I have had some of the worst flus or nausea of my adult life, and has prevented my migraines.
7. Smoke shops and cigar bars have an exemption from the clean air act because they are grandfathered in, yet tobacco has no medicinal value. Cannabis helps over a dozen ailments. It is not our fault that cannabis was made illegal when it never should have been prohibited in the first place. It's unfair to allow non medicinal smoking because they are grandfathered in when cannabis never had a chance to get grandfathered in.
8. No one can prove that cannabis smoking causes cancer. The US only approved studies for the last 100 years if they aimed to show a causation between cannabis use and cancer yet the studies are inconclusive. Everyone always mentions that some of the same compounds in tobacco are also in cannabis and yet they can't seem to prove definitively like they have proven a definitive cancer risk like tobacco's proven risk. The [CDC - Center for Disease Control says](#) "More research is needed to know if smoking cannabis increases a person's risk for lung cancer. However, it is difficult to determine whether there is a link, because cannabis use often overlaps other behaviors related to lung cancer, such as tobacco use."
9. Until we have cannabis lounges and events, cannabis users will feel discriminated against. There is no where to legally use the only substance that Oregon has applied a hefty sales tax.

Please make our dreams come true and bring dignity to thousands of medical cannabis patients.