

Good day, House Committee for Economic Development:

Preserve Deschutes County is submitting testimony AGAINST HB 2233.

This bill is premature. Until the Oregon Health Authority has a definitive measurement for marijuana intoxication, it is irresponsible and willfully negligent to subject the general public to state-sanctioned drugged driving. Can you answer the following:

- Is the affect of higher concentrations of THC on the the brain incremental or exponential?
- At what ratio of THC:CBD is psychosis likely?
- What are the appropriate guidelines for limits on consumption?
- What is the standard dosage for marijuana and at what point does the dosage create intoxication?
- What is a reliable measure of intoxication - what is a definitive roadside test (not subjective, but objective and measurable at the time of testing)?
- What modes of administration provide what types of reactions? How are edibles different from vaping, different from smoking, different from dabbing, etc.?

Temporary events that allow marijuana sale and consumption on-site will force drugged-driving onto rural roadways and into rural neighborhoods. The current problems with lack of OLCC enforcement (and limited funding for the agency) will only get worse. Look at the compliance rates from "Operation Good Harvest" from 2018 and you'll see issues with compliance in all counties, with Deschutes County being at the bottom of the list. Additional stress will be placed on law enforcement whose resources are already stretched thin.

From the Insurance Institute of Highway Safety-Highway Loss Data Institute, "The new IIHS-HLDI research on marijuana and crashes indicates that legalizing marijuana for all uses is having a negative impact on the safety of our roads," says IIHS-HLDI President David Harkey. "States exploring legalizing marijuana should consider this effect on highway safety."

To pass HB 2233 is to put the greed of an industry over the public health of the citizens of the state. One of seven priority areas from Oregon's State Health Improvement Plan is to reduce harms associated with alcohol and substance abuse. Marijuana is a psychoactive substance. From *Psychiatric Times*, "The lack of knowledge surrounding its detrimental effects, combined with misunderstandings related to its therapeutic effects, has potential for catastrophic results."

We urge you to let HB 2233 die in committee; the risk to public health and safety is too high a price to pay.

Thank you.

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**Preserve Deschutes County advocates for responsible marijuana legislation in order to protect and preserve the vitality of our rural community.**

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