



March 13, 2019

Dear Chair Lively, Vice-Chairs Bonham and Fahey, and members of the House Economic Development Committee:

My name is Skip Newberry, and I serve as the President and CEO at Technology Association of Oregon (TAO). TAO represents nearly 500 tech and tech-enabled companies around the state, all working together to establish the Northwest as a global hub for innovation. We are writing to express our support for HB 2909.

The intersection of safety and technology is extremely important to us at TAO. We support HB 2909 because it modernizes the tracking of cannabis delivery technology by allowing a digital manifest rather than a paper copy. This important update allows technology companies like Eaze and the retailers it partners with to operate more effectively, efficiently, and safely.

Technology is modernizing the cannabis industry, while also making transaction safer, easier to track and helping to ensure greater public safety. Creating efficiency and safety in technology for cannabis companies is one of the strongest actions we can take against the illicit market for cannabis. By allowing orders to be accepted in real time, deliveries can also be faster, which also leads to fewer vehicles on the road. Allowing for a digital manifest provides safety and efficiency for consumers, retailers, drivers, and our local law enforcement and compliance officers. As far as software goes, Eaze has developed an application that truly excels at ensuring safety for all users.

We respectfully request your support for HB 2909, which will allow technology companies like Eaze and their dispensary partners to operate with optimal efficiency, ensuring they can thrive in Oregon.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Warren Newberry", written in a cursive style.

Warren "Skip" Newberry, TAO President