

Dear Senate Committee on Business and General Government,

Senate Bill 365 should be of great concern to all Oregonians. Systems Development Charges (SDCs) are generally reasonable and necessary fees imposed by local governments to pay for infrastructure and to offset the impact of development upon local communities. It is unreasonable and unconscionable to restrict SDCs for the marijuana production industry while other industries must pay these fees. Why should the marijuana industry get a free ride and leave other developers and communities to shoulder their burden?

Marijuana production certainly does not deserve special treatment--they should pay their fair share like everyone else. If anything, marijuana production comes with its own additional burden to communities in the form of public health and safety issues and its impact upon the environment.

Enacting this bill into law would be a slap in the face to the many the hard-working Oregonians who have had to pay their fair share in Systems Development Charges.

I strongly urge the Committee to reject SB365 because it is bad for Oregon.

Respectfully,

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