

Dear Representatives:

Please enter this into the record regarding SB365-A and consider these comments when studying this bill.

It is unlikely that you read the Bend Bulletin, so please direct your attention to this article (text copied below as Exhibit A): <https://www.bendbulletin.com/localstate/7132854-151/plantae-owner-faces-numerous-felony-charges-for-alleged>

Mr Anderson of Alfalfa Valley Farms and Plantae Health frequently brandishes as a source of pride and authority his membership in and board position on the Deschutes County Farm Bureau. He has spoken publicly at many county events and in the press about his good practices. Mr Anderson has lobbied to legislators in Salem. You should know that he and the Deschutes County Farm Bureau do not represent the voices of many farmers outside of the marijuana or hemp industries. If you have worked with Deschutes County pro-marijuana industry lobbyists, then this is "the company you keep" and the kind of person you are "in bed with" as they lobby to you to undermine the safety and quality of life of a citizenry. If you are answering to a marijuana lobby, you are not acting as a public servant.

The Farm Bureau, Mr Anderson, and the owners of Oregrown, are part of the industry's push behind SB365. These are growers who insist that they are the "good guys" who want to do everything right, yet they work hard to take away the rules that were set forth when Deschutes County opted into marijuana production, and which they created. They want special SDC consideration just for them – charges that are put into place for all businesses in the county. As was written to you in a letter from the county, the road doesn't know who drives it and why. The increased traffic, damage, and wear is done to the road regardless of the reason for traveling on it. To make any changes to Deschutes County's right to time, place, and manner regulations – and also right to impose SDC charges on commercial marijuana operations – sets a dangerous precedent for other industries to complain that they should also be exempt from paying their share of roadway maintenance and repair. As an example, there has been a huge increase in traffic out to Alfalfa and the county put in a new multi-million-dollar roundabout at a dangerous intersection in order to improve traffic safety and flow. SDC charges help pay for these road and safety improvements, and a federally-illegal commercial drug operation should not be exempt from this.

See also this article about Oregrown and Lunchbox Alchemy (text copied below as Exhibit B): <https://www.bendbulletin.com/business/6406954-151/oregon-pot-regulators-cite-oregrown-lunchbox-alchemy-for>

This is another example of marijuana industry people who do not play by the rules. Check the OLCC Stipulated Settlement Agreements and you'll find that Lunchbox Alchemy has had multiple infractions. Look back to Operation Good Harvest and see that Bend had only a 55% compliance rate, which appeared to be the worst in the state.

By taking away any time, place, manner regulations, and by taking away the right for Deschutes County to impose SDC charges on this commercial/industrial industry that is ruining farmable land in the county, you are failing the citizens of the county who will now be subsidizing an entire industry; you will also be instrumental in further destroying the pastoral landscape of the "crown jewel" of Oregon.

Thank you for your consideration.

Exhibit A

Plantae owner faces numerous felony charges for alleged abuse

Andrew Anderson accused of involuntary servitude, kidnapping

Andrew Anderson at his Alfalfa Valley Cannabis Farm on Oct. 11, 2018. (Andy Tullis/Bulletin photo)

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The owner of a Bend dispensary is facing felony charges that he abused his wife and another woman he was having a sexual relationship with.

On Thursday, Andrew James Anderson, owner of Plantae Health Care, was notified by letter of charges pending against him in Deschutes County Circuit Court. He's accused of 20

criminal counts, including kidnapping, robbery and involuntary servitude.

Two alleged victims are named in court records. One is his wife, Jocelyn Anderson, and the other is Kristen White, who was the general manager at Plantae at the time of the alleged abuse. Court records show the two women feared violence from Anderson, who they say is prone to manipulation and bursts of anger.

In May 2017, White filed an application for a restraining order against Anderson in Crook County Circuit Court. She wrote that she was in a sexual relationship with Andrew Anderson and had been living with him for more than a year.

White also stated she witnessed instances of Anderson being abusive, including angrily ripping a door off its hinges, punching his father in the face and on multiple occasions physically harming his wife.

White wrote that Anderson once tried to take her phone out of her hands and choked her as they struggled on the ground.

“I was constantly being manipulated to do what Andy wanted only,” White wrote. “He used my weaknesses to make me believe I was at fault all the time.”

Anderson is listed in court documents as 6-foot-4.

Among the charges filed this week against Andrew Anderson is involuntary servitude, although no details were included in the case filing.

But White wrote in the restraining order petition that Anderson withheld all of her wages, with the excuse that they were “living expenses.”

A judge approved the restraining order.

White’s restraining order was included in a filing related to the ongoing divorce case between Andrew and Jocelyn Anderson.

The Andersons were married in 2015 in Jamaica, according to court records.

The couple formed a number of marijuana-related businesses while they were married, and operated a cannabis farm on Johnson Ranch Road.

Court filings show the couple have been involved in a contentious divorce since August 2017.

In July 2017, Jocelyn Anderson fled Oregon to her hometown of Chico, California, to escape her husband’s physical and emotional abuse, according to court filings. He immediately cut her out of the businesses they formed and attempted to “financially ruin” her, Jocelyn Anderson wrote in an affidavit filed in a separate contempt case from January 2019.

According to state business records, Andrew Anderson has 11 business licenses in Oregon, as well one for Cogent Industries, which is a parent company to several of the businesses.

Holders of recreational cannabis licenses are required to notify the Oregon Liquor Control Commission within 24

hours if they are arrested or convicted of a crime, according to Mark Pettinger, OLCC spokesman. Since the charges against Anderson aren't related to cannabis, most likely his license will not be affected, Pettinger said.

“If it were a public safety issue, an arrest for alleged diversion, that's a public safety issue, and we'd step in,” Pettinger said.

Anderson and Jocelyn Anderson are listed on the corporation filings as the underlying owner of the companies doing business as Plantae Health, Alfalfa Valley Farms and DH Wholesale LLC. The Andersons have four active recreational cannabis licenses and one pending processor license. There are two retail licenses for Plantae Health in Bend and Madras, a producer license for Alfalfa Valley Farms and a wholesale license for DH Wholesale LLC.

Anderson has held these licenses as far back as January 2017.

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Oregon pot regulators cite Oregrown, Lunchbox Alchemy for license violations

Marijuana workers could lose permits for selling to minors

Oregrown co-owner Hunter Neubauer stands over what used to be a milking station for goats at the company's marijuana farm in Tumalo. (Bulletin/file photo)

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One of Bend's most prominent marijuana businesses faces a 46-day suspension for multiple license violations, the Oregon Liquor Control Commission announced Thursday, along with

sanctions on several other cannabis businesses around the state, plus new regulations.

Oregrown, a marijuana grower, processor and dispensary operator, will pay a \$4,950 fine and serve a 46-day suspension, which affects the wholesale processing business, co-founder Hunter Neubauer said.

“It affects our business drastically,” he said. “We’re not allowed to transfer product in or out of our license during the suspension,” which starts Aug. 19, he said.

The commission’s action against Oregrown stems from its use of hemp oil and false statements that Neubauer and co-founder Aviv Hadar made to inspectors about the hemp oil, according to the commission’s press release.

Neubauer himself will serve a 23-day suspension for false statements. Neubauer is on the board of directors of the Bend Chamber and has served on a rules advisory committee for the OLCC.

The inspection at Oregrown, which has a farm and processing plant near Tumalo, took place early this year, Neubauer said. “We didn’t have hemp oil at the facility, but we had hemp oil in our products,” he said. “At that time I was under the impression we were operating correctly.”

Oregrown now has a license endorsement that allows the business to work with hemp, Neubauer said.

The OLCC also dinged Bend edible-products maker Lunchbox Alchemy, which will pay a \$1,485 fine for failing to enter

product into the METRC cannabis tracking system within the required 10-day window. Founder Cameron Yee said the violation happened when Lunchbox Alchemy was making the switch from a medical-marijuana license to a recreational license, overseen by the liquor control commission. The METRC tracking system was new, and the business fell behind in entering all of its products, he said.

“It was one of the tribulations of moving into the system,” Yee said. “I don’t think there was anyone to blame. All of the product was accounted for.”

Yee added that Lunchbox Alchemy now has a compliance officer and several other employees who work with METRC.

Oregon’s pot regulators are most concerned about sales to minors and preventing leaks to the black market. On Thursday the commission approved a rule that will allow the agency to revoke the permit of any marijuana worker found to be deliberately selling to a minor.

“Today’s action holds individuals with Marijuana Worker Permits as responsible as our licensees because it puts in jeopardy their right to work in the legal cannabis industry,” commission Chairman Paul Rosenbaum stated in a press release.

The commission already raised the penalty on retailers that sell to minors. That improved the compliance rate in minor-decoy operations, “but the commission is increasingly seeing cases with repeated violations,” the commission stated in its press release.

OLCC agents visited more than 20 dispensaries in Bend and Madras in December, and there were no sales to minors.

To prevent leaks to the black market, the commission also approved a rule requiring marijuana growers to notify the agency by 9 a.m. any morning that they decide to harvest a crop.

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