

Chair Nathanson and Members of the Committee,

I'm writing to you today on behalf of the Oregon Retailers of Cannabis Association.

We oppose HB 3295, which seems to be a workaround that would allow cities and counties to receive cannabis tax revenue even if they have taken steps to prohibit the operation of certain cannabis businesses within their jurisdiction.

The policies that prohibit cities and counties from receiving tax money were specifically established to stop areas from receiving financial gains from business operations that they chose to disallow. From our read of the bill, this would create a way for counties to prohibit, for instance, cannabis production in their jurisdiction, while still allowing them to receive shares of cannabis tax revenues. It's fundamentally unfair.

Thank you for your time and I'm happy to answer any questions you may have on this matter.