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To: House Committee on Judiciary; others

Re: I OPPOSE [HB 3112]...Governor Brown wants to spend big bucks to establish a "Cannabis Equity Board?"

"Oregon really needs a, **"Professional Basketball Equity Board."**

The Portland Trailblazers line-up lists (15) players. Of the (15) players, (13) are Black and (2) are Caucasian.

Looks like Oregon could use some equitable help here Governor Brown.

"SECTION 1. (1)(a) **The Cannabis Equity Board is established as a separate office within the office of the Governor to provide equity oversight** within Oregon's cannabis industry.

(b) The board shall consist of nine members appointed by the Governor from the following stakeholder groups: (A) **Equity operators**; (B) Registry identification cardholder representatives; (C) Licensed health care provider representatives; (D) Public health representatives; (E) Cannabis producers, processors and retailers; (F) **Local equity experts** and leaders; and (G) **Representatives from community-based organizations that support individuals who are American Indian, Alaska Native, Black, Hispanic or Latinx.**" Who are "Equity Operators and Local Equity Experts?"

Why are, "Caucasians , Asians, Pacific Islanders and mid-Easterners" not selected as representatives?

Where is the "Equity" on the "Cannabis Equity Board?"

SECTION 7. (1) The Cannabis Equity Board shall allocate moneys from the Cannabis Equity Fund established under section 9 of this 2021 Act:(a) **To community programs and partners that support landownership, homeownership and income building through jobs and entrepreneurship for individuals who are American Indian, Alaska Native, Black, Hispanic or Latinx, and that prioritize support for individuals who are American Indian, Alaska Native, Black, Hispanic or Latinx.**

SECTION 9. **The Cannabis Equity Fund is established separate and distinct from the General Fund.** Interest earned by the Cannabis Equity Fund shall be credited to the fund. **The Cannabis Equity Fund consists of moneys deposited into the fund under ORS 137.300 and 475B.759 and may include moneys appropriated, allocated, deposited or transferred to the fund by the Legislative Assembly** or otherwise and interest earned on the moneys in the fund. The moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Cannabis Equity Board for:..." **Does the aforementioned include the General Fund?**

There are a total of (74) Sections of [HB 3112]. Everyone should read the entire piece of legislative crap to experience yet another, but never ending march towards; incorporating and institutionalizing "Systemic Racism" into Oregon law.

"I look forward to the day when people will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character"-(Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.).

14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, Section 1: "...nor deny any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws."

Time to face the facts, incorporating and institutionalization of "Systemic Racism" into Oregon law is a no-no.

Respectfully submitted,

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