

REGARDING: HB3239 Establishes where Cannabis/Hemp may be chemically processed SUPPORT HB3239

Dear House Committee on General Government,

My name is Shirley Morgan of the Citizens for Public Safety, Quality of Life and Property Values. I am a national advocate on behalf of the impacts that marijuana and hemp production and processing is bringing to our rural residential farming communities. I am a resident of Clackamas County and was on the Clackamas County land use marijuana regulation committee providing input regarding how to best mitigate the impacts of marijuana production, processing, wholesaling and retailing, as marijuana is still a federally illegal drug and brings with it a lot of risks to our communities.

As a County that voted to allow marijuana production, processing, wholesaling, and retailing, Clackamas County has had over 674 marijuana land use applications applied for since January of 2016, and over 266 OLCC licenses issued to date. Of those 266, 67% are for production, 17% processing, 12% retail, and .03% wholesalers.

Clackamas County was proactive when it implemented through Measure 91-HB3400, their jurisdictional right to implement time, place, and manner land use regulations in which they recognized the dangers of marijuana butane/ethanol chemical extraction processing in our rural residential farming communities and therefore restricted all butane/ethanol marijuana chemical extraction processing to be located in industrial zones only.

Of the 36 counties in Oregon 67% (23) voted NO to marijuana legalization and 39% (14) voted YES. 15 Counties (42%) have opted out of allowing marijuana production, processing, retailing and wholesaling. Of the 241 cities over 81 have Opted Out and some Counties did not Opt Out and decided not to put in any TPM marijuana regulations. This has resulted in dangerous public health and safety concerns in relation to the production and chemical processing of marijuana/hemp.

HB3239 is a mitigating compromise to assure the public's health and safety by requiring that all chemically processed marijuana and hemp be allowed in industrial zones only and not within 2,000 feet of areas zoned for residential uses as to eliminate the posing risks of fire explosions, odor, traffic, allergic health reactions, and burglaries.

Respectfully,

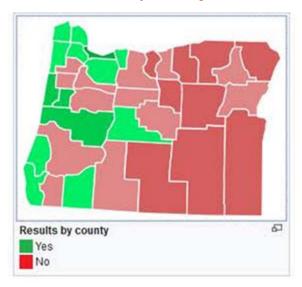
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REFERENCE INFORMATION

Measure 91 marijuana legalization vote result 2014



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2014_Oregon_Ballot_Measure_91 https://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Documents/results/results-2014-general-election.pdf

As a reference for opt out counties and cities, see below link:

https://www.oregon.gov/olcc/marijuana/documents/cities counties rmjoptout.pdf

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Fire, explosion at Los Angeles marijuana-oil business injures 11 firefighters

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