

It is my position to support HB3112. As Black small business and skincare manufacturer in Portland bootstrapped and small but growing network. I am a Cannabis advocate and can personally attest to the wellness benefits I have been provided by its use. It has helped me in overcoming debilitating pain and inflammation while helping others to do the same by their accounts. But using CBD isolate in products have been risky for me. I have lost payment processors, website hosting and lost out on grants simply because my products contain CBD isolate. I am often disqualified from government and local funding programs. As a Black woman entrepreneur and start up as many of us do, I lack resources to affordable housing and continued educational business resources. Having equity licensing would allow smaller Oregonian businesses a means to compete with larger national brands. Although I have not been personally received Cannabis related charges. I have first hand witnessed its use and or charges limiting employment, housing and overall life resiliency for families.

We, as consumers, cannabis business community, and simply concerned citizens, believe the use of cannabis tax revenue to repair harm done to Black, Indigenous and Latinx communities is an appropriate and necessary way to restore rights and opportunities.

We urge you to pass HB 3112.