

Hello. My name is Augustine Hanger, our company is based in Medford Oregon and we work closely with dozens of Oregon farmers.

I strongly oppose section 17 of HB 3000. I don't support the regulation of all hemp processing from the Oregon Department of Agriculture to the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

I do support the ultimate goal of HB 3000 to prevent sales of intoxicants to minors. However, section 17 is unnecessary and would have the very negative effect of killing Oregon's Hemp Industry. We believe hemp should remain regulated by the ODA as the Federal Farm Bill Intended.

This Bill would require us and others in the community to move states and would make our business illegal. Marijuana Issues should not be mixed with Delta-8 and Hemp Issues.

Again Delta-8 is a cannabinoid, like CBD, CBG, CBC, CBN and THCV to name a few and there absolutely should be marketing and labeling rules on all consumable hemp products.

However Delta-8 should not be confused with Delta-9 THC. Delta-8 is very mild compared to traditional Delta-9 THC that's in Marijuana and that you can buy at the dispensaries.

In fact, the delta-8 isomerization process was invented in part by Dr. Meckulom and patented by the U.S. Government. The patent notes delta8 is up to 10 times less potent than delta 9 THC.

As written this bill would cause us and the Oregon Hemp Community to go out of business. I know this committee is fair and wants to back up the little guy.

Oregon is known to be the most progressive state and the national leader of the hemp industry. HB 3000 will end this. Please be very cautious with HB 3000 because the language and technical flaws will put everybody out of business. We support keeping intoxicants out of the hands of minors and being regulated as a 21 and over product. We support a broader conversation with all stakeholders on the future of hemp regulations in Oregon.

We oppose the move of any processing from ODA to OLCC. Hemp is a legal agricultural commodity as defined by the 2018 Farm Bill. HB 2281 and HB 2671 have been developed over multiple sessions with stakeholder and agency engagement. They are the bills that should pass this session. HB 3000 was rushed through without collaboration or transparency. The committee should amend HB 3000 to regulate intoxicants with 21 and over regulations and create a balanced and fair task force to look at regulatory issues surrounding Oregon's Hemp industry. As written HB 3000 will kill Oregon's legal hemp industry.