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To: House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources; others

**Re: [HB 2284]...Commissions can be very problematical.**

I have an "open mind" when I read House and Senate Bills because, I know you are all good-hearted folks, and some of you really have a good sense of humor.

When I was reading the Text of **[HB 2284]** and got to Section (2) I started to laugh heartily.

To be specific at: [Page 1 Section (2) (1)(a)(b) @ 16-31] and [Page 2 Section (2)(b)(c) @ 1-12].

I then called my neighbor and read it to her (verbatim) and she could not believe it either.

\*\*\*The authors of **[HB 2284]** should give examples of "Hemp foods" and the benefits from eating Hemp seeds. But, sadly they did not.

People will eat just about anything.

I remember, during the Health Food craze of the 1970's, a spokesman for Grape Nuts cereal, Euell Gibbons used to say, "Ever eat a pine cone? Some parts are edible."

If you eat "raw Hemp seeds" (with their seed coats still on them) you might bloat up like a balloon with gas, then pass gas and or have diarrhea.

Now this may have a creative use in the legislature.

If you have a really tough Bill to pass in either the House or the Senate...during a brief recess give the opposition to the Bill a "snack" of Hemp seeds with their seed coatings still on them. Wait a short while, and when the Bill comes up for a vote, note how fast your flatulating colleagues will be running to the bathrooms. Your Bill gets passed and no one is the wiser. Just healthier from eating "Hemp seeds."

Then maybe not. The legislature is renowned for all of its' gas passing and not getting anything done.

As to the Commission itself, just another governmental taxing group, staffed with political cronies fraught with incompetencies associated with the frailties of politics.

Yamhill County has taught me all about "Commissions and Committees" so forgive me if I sound jaded.

In Yamhill County, appointments to Committees and or Commissions are so dubious (amongst additional governmental shenanigans), Yamhill County is often referred to as "Scam-Hill County" by people who live here.

**Remand [HB 2284]**back to the author for additional clarification concerning "foods their benefits."

***Respectfully submitted,***

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