

Thank You Chair Golden, Vice Chair Nash and Members of the Committee.

For the record, I am Union County Commissioner Paul Anderes I also serve as Co-Chair of Eastern Oregon Counties Association (EOCA). EOCA consists of 15 members Counties East of the crest of the Cascades.

I am in full support of SB769. The main reason for the support of this bill comes down to voice. Giving the people that live in these impacted communities the opportunity to determine what is best for their County

Even in the bill title: Relating to County Elections.

This bill seems similar to individual Counties CHOOSING to allow marijuana sales in their County.

This bill seems similar to the Counties that have CHOSEN to allow the sale and use of Psilocybin mushrooms – in the midst of Oregon’s worst drug epidemics. Union County (at the will of the Citizens) have CHOSEN not to allow the sale of either marijuana or Psilocybin mushrooms.

What this bill does is allow Counties to opt in or not – Their Choice!

I respectfully request that you let the people choose.

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