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To: Chair Lisa Reynolds
Vice Chair Dick Anderson
Members of the Committee on Early Childhood and Behavioral Health

From: Patsy Chenpanas, MD, FACEP,
President OR-ACEP

RE: SB 1548 Protecting youth from cannabinoid edibles

Chair Reynolds, Vice-Chair Anderson and members of the committee, please accept this statement for the record on behalf of OR-ACEP, the Oregon Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians. OR-ACEP is a medical society that has represented physicians specializing in emergency medicine since 1971 and its members share a commitment to improve emergency healthcare for all Oregonians.

OR-ACEP supports SB 1548, which requires cannabinoid edibles to be individually packaged and allows up to 10 milligrams of adult use cannabinoid per individual cannabinoid edible.

Cannabis use in children and adolescents is increasing, particularly in states where it has been legalized and the edibles packaged to resemble candy. This increases the risk of acute ingestion/intoxication and a visit to the emergency department for care. In children, common symptoms reported after poisoning include lethargy, coma, confusion, agitation, nausea and vomiting. At acute levels the patient may require ICU care with assisted ventilation.

I recently treated a two-year-old who accidentally ingested cannabinoid edibles. He was emergently transported to the ED after his family noticed he had stopped playing and began acting intoxicated. This was followed by seizure-like activity, decreased consciousness, and difficulty breathing, requiring admission to the Pediatric ICU for intensive treatment and stabilization. A subsequent investigation confirmed he had accidentally ingested an adult's cannabinoid edibles, and no other causes were found. Many of my colleagues in emergency medicine have shared similar stories of toxic accidental ingestion in children.

This bill calls tighter regulations on cannabis packaging to ensure they are not appealing to children and we urge your support. Thank you.

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