

## SB 1548 - Safer Marijuana Act

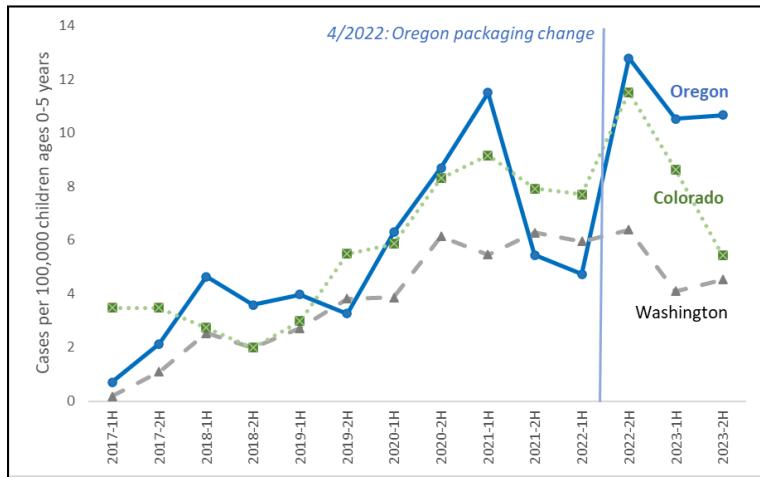
Sen. Lisa Reynolds, 2/10/26

### PROBLEMS:

- Oregon is seeing a spike in marijuana poisoning among young children and older adults. Young children's smaller body mass, coupled with edible marijuana products in the form of gummy candies, cookies, and chocolate bars, makes them particularly susceptible to life threatening toxicity from Tetrahydrocannabinol [THC], the psychoactive ingredient in marijuana. Oregon's Poison Control Center is seeing a marked uptick in toddler poisoning from THC.
- Oregon youth are particularly susceptible to cannabis use disorder (CUD), with their still-developing brain and the high potency products that are widely available. CUD puts one at risk for chronic mental illness.

### SOME SOLUTIONS:

- The risk of THC toxicity in toddlers and risk for youth CUD and chronic mental illness:
  - Creating edibles that do not resemble candy and cookies.
  - Implement WA's successful mitigation measures (see chart) in preventing THC poisoning in young kids (*these are the two interventions in SB 1548-1*):
    - Limiting a unit of an edible to one serving size of THC (10 mg).
      - There are many 100 mg-THC gummies, for example.
    - Require individual wrapping of each edible (each 10 mg serving size).
      - This "slows down"/prevents a toddler from eating several edibles.
  - These two interventions will also help lower the dose taken by youth, hence lower the risk of CUD.



*Washington State's single-unit/single serving size packaging for edibles has been shown to decrease hospitalization and THC poisoning among children and potentially older adults, but Oregon currently does not have such a requirement.*

Note: There were MANY things we considered in SB 1548 as introduced. In the -1 amendment, removed warning labels which describe risk lifelong severe mental illness. We left out potency limits on pre-rolls, or joints. We left out permission to locally control buffer zones around marijuana businesses. We settled on the two most important outcomes in order to ensure community support and ideal outcomes.