

Madame Chairs and Members of the Committee,

For the record my name is Sam Chapman.

Oregon law allows for adults to legally purchase and consume cannabis products, provided they do so in a privacy of their home. In reality, however, this restriction has made the legal consumption of cannabis impossible for many Oregonians who do not own their primary residence, live with small children or those who live in government housing.

As a result, many otherwise responsible adults are **left no other choice but** to smoke or vaporize cannabis in public (on sidewalks, in parks, in cars, etc.).

SB 307 would create a framework for the OLCC to create and enforce regulations for cannabis consumption **Lounges and temporary event licenses**, subject to approval by local government (i.e. cities and counties may “opt in” at their discretion). Coupled with that fact that this bill does not have an emergency clause, the OLCC and localities such as the City of Portland will both have ample time to work with stakeholders to develop and implement rules and regulations for these new license types.

SB 307 would create safe, legal, regulated spaces for adults to consume cannabis while sending a clear message to children that, **like alcohol**, cannabis consumption is an adult activity to be taken seriously.

Far from being an obstacle to public health or safety, SB 307 will be a clear improvement over the status quo--for all Oregonians, regardless of their cannabis use. We encourage the Committee to consider the ways in which SB 307 provides avenues for sensible collaboration between the public health community, OLCC, local governments, and Oregon’s emerging cannabis industry.

Thank you for your work on this very important bill. I’d be happy to answer any questions.