



**TO: Joint Interim Committee on Marijuana Legalization**  
**FR: Vince Porter on behalf of the Oregon Cannabis Association**  
**DA: February 14, 2017**  
**RE: SB 307, 308, Social Consumption**

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Co-Chairs Burdick and Lininger, members of the committee my name is Vince Porter and I'm a lobbyist for Strategies 360 here representing the Oregon Cannabis Association. I'm here to testify in support of moving forward with social consumption legislation that clears up the ambiguity about public consumption that is happening around the state.

The Oregon Cannabis Association is comprised of over 100 cultivators, processors, edible makers, dispensaries, and allied businesses including laboratories, security and transportation companies, and providers of legal and financial services to cannabis related businesses throughout Oregon. As Oregon and other states move beyond prohibition, we seek clear and sensible regulation that promotes health and safety in our communities, excellence in our products and services, and compliance at every level.

One of the Oregon Cannabis Association's top priorities is a clear framework for public consumption of cannabis for adults. We understand that it is in the public interest to have defined limits regarding consumption so those who are consuming and those who are enforcing the laws are working from the same page.

We have heard from our members and from what we hear on the ground, there is a disconnect between the current law and the practice happening around the state that needs to be addressed. It is OCA's goal for Oregon to continue move towards a 100% legal adult-use cannabis consumption. In order to achieve that goal, the social consumption issue must be resolved.

We understand and appreciate the complexity of the issue and acknowledge there are still concerns that need to be addressed. We believe those concerns can be addressed in this session either through SB 307 or the other social consumption bill SB 788. OCA does not have an opinion on the differences between those bills and we're confident that either bill would be a good solution if a bill was debated and moved in this committee. If for some reason this committee and the advocates of the bills are not successful in addressing relevant concerns, it's OCA's position that we must set forth a path for a statewide social consumption policy. For that reason we also support SB 308 as a fall back to the other proposals.

Thank you and I'm happy to answer any questions you might have.

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*The Oregon Cannabis Association is the leading professional voice for the cannabis business community. We support a broad spectrum of businesses through education, best practices, community engagement and networking while advocating for sensible cannabis policy.*