
TO: JOINT COMMITTEE ON MARIJUANA REGULATION
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TERRAPIN CARE STATION
SUBJECT: SB 307, SB 308 AND SOCIAL CONSUMPTION
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Our client Terrapin Care Station serves the communities of Eugene Oregon and Aurora, Boulder and Denver Colorado providing medical patients and recreational consumers with the finest quality cannabis, expert product knowledge with a wide selection and affordable pricing since 2009. Terrapin Care Station is dedicated to sensible regulation that promotes health and safety in our communities and to expanding patient and consumer rights to ensure access to life enhancing cannabis.

One of Terrapin Care Station's top priorities is a clear legal framework for public consumption of cannabis for adults. We also respect that it is in the public interest to have clear legislation for consumers and for law enforcement.

While SB 307 is a good starting point for the public consumption conversation, in its current form it prohibits sale of marijuana items on a premise licensed as a cannabis lounge. This committee has the opportunity to also allow OLCC licensed retailers to have a separate tasting room and allow consumers to purchase and have on-sight consumption in addition to the cannabis lounge "bring your own" model.

Tasting rooms are a proven business model like beer, wine and distilled spirits, that the industry could adopt relatively quickly and has the benefit of not requiring a significant expense of state resources to license and investigate totally new entities. Additionally, retailers already use seed to sale tracking and have robust security and employee training.

Retailers could provide education on product choices and safe use, consumers including tourists would have a place to consume their purchases and it is a viable business model that works.

Other states are considering public consumption concepts including Alaska, Colorado, and Maine. Oregon has the opportunity to set the gold standard on public consumption. While SB 307 is a good starting place, we believe a more robust conversation about tasting rooms should be part of the discussion either as part of SB 307 or in SB 308.

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