

# LOBBY OREGON

February 19, 2019  
House Agriculture and Land Use Committee  
900 Court St. NE  
Salem Oregon 97301

**Re: HB 2740 – Oregon Hemp Commission and forthcoming amendment**

Chair Clem, members of the Committee,

On behalf of a newly formed group of hemp handlers and growers, I would like to express our support of the Oregon Industrial Hemp Farmers Association in their efforts to establish the Oregon Hemp Commission, and the forthcoming amendment that would augment the testing protocol for consumable hemp-derived products.

Due to the passage of the 2018 federal farm bill—which clarified that hemp-derived CBD is no longer a controlled substance, and that hemp products should be treated like any other agricultural commodity—Oregon’s hemp industry is at a pivotal moment.

As a state we have the opportunity to take part in a burgeoning economy, one that transcends state and national borders. But in order to do so, we must update our laws to be competitive with other states.

Currently, consumable hemp products are subject to the same testing as adult use marijuana, a testing process that is both rigorous and expensive. Though it remains important to retain a THC potency test, to ensure that consumable hemp products are not over the .3% legal threshold, we believe the marijuana program testing standards are unnecessary for the hemp market. Hemp, as other agricultural food ingredients, should be regulated under the Oregon Department of Agriculture’s Food Safety program.

Thank you,  
Sam Barber