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LD 948

Dear Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for LD948: An Act to Reduce Administrative Burdens and Expand Access in the Laws Governing Cannabis. This bill represents a crucial step in improving the accessibility and efficiency of medical cannabis laws, which will have a profound and positive impact on both patients and caregivers throughout our state.

Specifically, the bill's amendments to extend the registration and license periods from one year to two years for both medical cannabis and adult-use cannabis registrants and licensees represent a significant reduction in the administrative burden faced by cannabis businesses. This simple yet powerful change will not only provide more stability for cannabis operators but also free up valuable time and resources that can be better spent on patient care and growing their businesses. In addition, the updates to the license renewal process, which will only require payment of the license or registration fee for individuals without any violations in the previous year, streamline the system and remove unnecessary barriers for those who are complying with the law.

I urge you to vote in favor of this legislation, as it will enhance the medical cannabis landscape, create economic opportunities, and ensure that the system is as accessible and efficient as possible for all stakeholders.