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Re: LD 1897, An Act Regarding Sun-grown Cultivation in the Medical Use and Adult Use Cannabis Industries

Senator Hickman, Representative Supica, Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs:

The Office of Cannabis Policy (OCP) respectfully submits the following comments neither for nor against LD 1897. While we are generally supportive of reducing the environmental impact of cannabis cultivation in the state, we have concerns regarding the approach taken in this proposal. We are happy to work with the bill's sponsor and supporters on an amendment that reduces barriers to the outdoor cultivation of cannabis and addresses OCP's concerns regarding the administration of these provisions and testing, however we do not have the capacity to do that this session given that the bill was first presented to the House on May 1st.

Therefore, OCP recommends this committee consider carrying over this proposal to the Second Regular Session to give our office time to meet with the sponsor and sun-grown cannabis advocates to address the following concerns:

- Creating definitions of "sun-grown cultivator", "indoor cultivation", and "sun-grown cultivation" that are reasonable, enforceable, and reflect a common understanding of these terms;
- Ensuring adequate security measures for sun-grown cultivation areas;
- Ensuring parity in local authorization, security, and compliance requirements applicable to registered dispensaries and caregiver collectives authorized under Section 6;
- Determining whether the 30-day "grace period" for contractors and employees waiting for the issuance of registry identification or individual identification card is necessary, given that applications for these cards are processed by OCP within days of receipt; and
- Engaging in a robust, science-based discussion about the value and appropriateness of the State's yeast and mold testing requirements.

We thank the committee for its consideration of our recommendations and we will be available to answer your questions at the work session.