

Testimony of Dr. Amy Mayhew in SUPPORT of LD 1847 and LD 104

Senator Hickman, Representative Supica, and honorable members of the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs,

My name is Amy Mayhew and I am a board certified child adolescent adult psychiatrist. I am in support of LD 1847 and LD 104. My main clinical work is with young people that have psychotic symptoms that may go on to develop schizophrenia. During my time working with this population there has been a dramatic increase in individuals that have developed these illnesses due to exposure to high cannabis use.

There is no understanding amongst the public that these substances can be dangerous, or that what is currently available greatly increases that risk. I am aware that the medical cannabis industry has fewer restrictions than the recreational industry due to it being approved beforehand. I am in favor of restricting the amount of THC that is available in these products and also having it regulated similar to the recreational industry. Although I do not have an issue with adults over the age of 25 using these products, there is abundant research showing that access to and regular use of these products is dangerous to developing brains.

Please help keep our growing children safe and improve our regulation of these products. I urge you to vote "Ought to Pass" on LD 1847 and LD 104.

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