

Good Day Ladies and Gentlemen of the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee.

My name is Amy McFarland. I run Independence Farm, a medical cannabis farm, with my husband.

Today I am testifying in favor of LD# 948, "An Act to Reduce Administrative Burdens and Expand Access in Laws Governing Cannabis".

With the never ending increase in our production costs, we need a way to offset them. That can only be done by expanding our plant canopy.

Our electricity, heating, soil etc. have all gone up in price. All the while the price per pound has plummeted over the last few years.

LD# 948 will double the current plant canopy from 500 sq feet to 1,000 for mature plants, or 30 mature plants to 60.
(These are the plants we harvest.)

By extending the license renewal from one year to two years, this will help the department have less paperwork to file. More time can then be delegated to things like "Customer Service".

Extending the license to two years also removes some pressure on those of us within the Cannabis Industry as the rules are constantly changing on us.

With that said, I ask you to vote "Yes" on LD# 948.