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I support the concept and language of LD 421. This is a fine example of how legislation should look: simple and clear, a couple of sentences that make the point, and no unnecessary language, yet language is present! I currently employ six full time employees, and the medical market often ran dry this past year. The larger the grow, the more space you must account for to allow proper airflow and mold mitigation. Additional square footage will allow for healthier plant growth even if the plant count remained. When we support growth in this industry, it impacts our entire community. The impact is enormous impacting the HVAC industry, soil and grow stores, electrician and plumbers, carpenters and general contractors. When the market runs dry as it has a couple times over the past year, someone will fill the gap in production via the black market if the legal market cannot support the need. This is a simple change, with simple language with a lot of positive impact. Thank you to the bill sponsor Representative Collings, and thank you to the VLA Committee for hosting this hearing.