

Testimony in favor of LD1897
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Good morning, honorable members of the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs. My name is Matthew Bayliss, I'm a resident of Cumberland and I'm testifying today in favor of LD1897.

Human beings have benefited from an interspecies relationship with cannabis for thousands of years. If we continue on the prescribed path of cannabis policy 1.0 our connection to this plant in its natural environment will vanish.

I've always been an indoor grower by trade and I'd love to shift my career outdoors to engage in a more sustainable model, one that not only benefits the planet but myself. The current yeast and mold panel in adult use is faulty because it doesn't test for spectated yeasts and molds and can fail a crop for the presence of beneficials bacterias, many of which are prevent in sustainable cultivation practices. This bill would lift the yeast and mold panel from outdoor cannabis cultivation and would encourage operators like myself to shift to a more sustainable model. I urge the committee ought to pass on LD1897, thank you!