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We are against not testing for cannabis and hemp infused edible products, for the following reasons:

65% of the US jurisdictions require testing of cannabis infused cannabis products.

We have a data set of 294 cannabis product recalls from 21 states gathered from cannabis regulatory agency websites. 10% of them were due to recalls of edibles and some of them were due to microbial contamination.

Microbial contamination can be introduced from worker's unsanitary practices, equipment contamination, and ingredient contamination.

The 3 specific bacterial human pathogens that should be tested are Salmonella species, shiga toxin producing E. coli, and Listeria monocytogenes. 2 tests can be performed within 36 hrs.

I hope that you do not pass this bill and continue testing for edibles.

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This is a transcript of my oral testimony in opposition to this bill.