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Colorado Senate Finance Committee

Thank you chair and committee for allowing me to submit my concerns.

I am asking for you to vote no on HB25 1209, primarily in a continuing effort of controlling access to high potency marijuana by our youth. I believe the bill irresponsibly reduces regulations on the marijuana industry in Colorado at a time when new studies are coming forth substantiating health concerns, for youth.

The bill eliminates disclosure of licensee ownership. This is contrary to the transparency with other industries that provide public record of ownership including the alcohol industry. As a business owner myself, there is public access to see that I am licensed and that I am the owner. Why would they need to hide ownership?

The bill eliminates waiting periods and or background checks on the industry's employees. Many industries are required to perform background checks on employees especially if related to public safety. Background checks are a minor expense. If their rationale for this removal is to increase the employee applicant pool, perhaps those additional candidates are hiding something.

The cannabis industry is prone to a higher propensity for employee theft and robberies due to being a cash business and the nature of the respective product. This industry should not reduce but maintain the current security surveillance regulations and understand it benefits them regarding deterring crime in all areas of their facilities.

I would like to reference a lawsuit recently filed in Denver District courts by Mammoth Farms, a Colorado cannabis cultivator. As covered in the Denver Gazette on March 14th, Mammoth Farms states current regulations allow loopholes for "black market" supply and accuses a peer in the industry of employing a manager that has a criminal felony drug conviction and who is suspected of diverting millions of dollars' worth of marijuana to illegal markets.

This bill would remove many of the regulations in addition to the ones I have noted. Regulations that help prevent product into illegal markets which can be accessed by our youth.

Thank you for your time and consideration and I strongly urge you to vote no on HB25 1209.

Respectfully

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HB25-1209 Marijuana Regulation Streamline

Typed Text of Testimony Submitted

Name, Position, Representing	Typed Text of Testimony
<p>Trina Faatz Against Youth in Recovery/ Parent and Peer Recovery Consulting, LLC</p>	<p>Greetings and thank you, I am against this bill passing due to the nature of regulatory changes of MED as a result of this potential bill passing. Our state decriminalized and legalized MJ with good reason and cause. But, we have made vital errors in not regulating cannabis more strongly & we are suffering the consequences. Users of cannabis have increasingly developed harmful side effects such as long and short term psychosis's, CHS, Gynecomastia (d/t hormone imbalances) and depression from high potency and misuse. The programs I present in high school classrooms in CO show that cannabis use is actually increasing in greater numbers than before (the Healthy Kids Survey does not accurately portray the numbers as many students will report who lied on the survey) & access to hi potency MJ is beyond control. the lowering of MED regulatory abilities and oversight, the removal of cameras especially on delivery vehicles will bring about more harm and put more MJ in the hands of youth. R & D samples will also allow more easy access for youth esp with higher potency derivatives that are dangerous and highly addictive. We need more regulations and more accountability, not less. And we will pay the price in the future and in the coming years if we do not respond to this now, and wait until it is more than a crisis but results in an emergency in our state Thank you, Trina Faatz, MA, Peer and Family Specialist; Parent Peer Recovery Coach, Acudetox Specialist.</p>
<p>Stephen Cobb For Kebar LLC</p>	<p>My name is Stephen Cobb and I'm the Chief Chemist and a co-owner of Kebar LLC, a small business in Colorado and regulated marijuana manufacturer.</p> <p>This bill offers many improvements that streamline regulations for businesses while still protecting consumer safety. I support this bill in its entirety, but I'd like to speak to the portion that covers research and development. Research and development is crucial for businesses to innovate and thoroughly vet and assess their products before they enter the market. Current regulations make research and development prohibitively expensive and logistically impossible for cannabis manufacturers.</p> <p>For example, when conducting internal research and development, the current regulatory structure requires excessive redundant costs because small R&D batches are treated the same as large batches destined for market.</p> <p>Also, under current regulations, businesses must follow impractical sampling rules, which restrict a business to only sample one single unit from a development batch. This makes evaluations by multiple team members for comparison or testing</p>

	<p>multiple units from a batch for consistency impossible. This restricts innovation and limits the amount of development a company can do. Those restrictions are simply a result of older regulations that didn't have product development in mind when they were made.</p> <p>This bill modernizes research and development regulations by streamlining the rules to reduce redundancies, and opens up innovation by creating a workable system for businesses.</p> <p>These changes maintain strong compliance safeguards, including clear labeling and strict research and development-only usage rules. By reducing barriers to research and development, this bill helps businesses improve product quality and safety and also innovate in product development so we can be national leaders in this space.</p> <p>I urge you to vote in favor of this bill.</p>
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