

I'd like to submit these notes as my written testimony to accompany the oral testimony I recently gave on S.241 on March 31 at the public hearing.

Assistants, please forward to members of Judicial and Govt. Ops Committees, thanks.

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Thanks for taking this up; Support w/ suggestions

- Personal liberties
  - Must permit homegrow; do not require purchase from govt monopoly
  - Increase home possession limit
    - State has no legitimate interest in the exact amount of cannabis in private home for personal use
  - permit home-made edibles; safer/healthier than smoking
  - Permit safe home extraction with CO2 or ethanol tinctures; safer/healthier than smoking
  - I already have CO2 at home for airing up tires and running air tools. It's non-flammable and relatively safe.
- Extracts
  - Must permit personal possession and consumption
  - Must permit commercial extraction via safe processes like CO2
    - Any gases or solvents used should be FOOD OR MEDICAL GRADE
  - Healthier than smoking
  - Easier to bake into edibles
- Commercial Production
  - Current plan; nuke existing black market, usher in completely new market
  - Path to legalization for existing producers
    - I know existing producers who are growing pot to feed their children
  - "ban the box"; don't blanket prohibit convicts; especially if the conviction was cannabis related
  - keep cannabis production outdoors
  - keep production and sale
    - small
    - local

- free market oriented
- Highway safety is a non-issue; tests positive 30 days after use
  - Drugs and alcohol: their relative crash risk. 2014 Romano et al
    - cannabis "was not found to contribute to crash risk"
  - support a roadside test that measures impairment
  - no per-se blood limit
- Alcohol and opiates are the real problems
  - multiple friends and family members have almost died of alcohol poisoning
  - all paternal relatives dead from alcohol and cigarettes and sloth
  - Know many successful tax paying high earning family oriented cannabis users
  - Don't know anybody who ruined their life with marijuana
  - my physician talked to me about marijuana when I was 15; he told me smoking a little bit once in a while was harmless
  - most young adults start with beer & cigarettes
  - I would absolutely recommend cannabis to my children as a safer alternative to alcohol
- I live in Barre City; which has been ravaged by Opiate crime and arson; focus on the real problems; stop harassing hippies and hillbillies
- fix this bill and pass it with all expediency

Thanks,  
Jeff

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