Senate Bill 16:

Further Improving Patient Access

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Goals:

- ☑ Increasing patient access to the medical registry;
 - ✓ Referral to specialists
 - Expanded qualifying conditions
- ☑ Improving physical access to dispensaries;
 - ✓ More dispensaries in more places
- □ Reducing the cost burden on patients.
 - ✓ Grow and buy
 - ✓ More competition
 - But is that enough?

Prevailing Prices – 1oz. Dried Flower



Additional Steps to Reduce Prices:

- 1. Allow patients to purchase from any dispensary, without designation.
 - * Risk of illegal resale low given market prices
 - * Fosters competition among dispensaries
- 2. Allow dispensary operators to grow without regard to number of registered patients.
 - Economies of scale
 - Comparative advantage
- 3. Allow patients to grow outdoors.

Additional Steps to Reduce Prices, Thinking Outside the Box:

- 4. License independent cultivators to sell to dispensaries.
 - Increase supply to push prices down
- 5. Authorize caregivers to grow for multiple patients
 - Limits on remuneration?
- 6. Full legalization
 - In other states, dispensaries have become retailers

Thank You!

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