HB1400 Medical Cannabis Amendments

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Quality, safety, this was very concerning to get so much feedback from medical cannabis users that the quality of the medical cannabis was poor, even dangerous.

Seeds seem to be a common problem. This is concerning because production should not be seeing seeds. These are cloned female plants. The object isn't seeds. Now I don't know why the plants produced seed. Could be pollen contamination. Could be genetic or stress induced hermaphroditism or it could be rodelization. Would be interesting to genetically test the seed to see if it is XY seed or XX. In any case when producing seed that lowers the production of cannabinoids and it would influence consumption.

There are also numerous complaints of bad trimming. That is leaving stems and leaves and such in with the buds.

And then complaints that there is bleeding of colors, people are concerned that dyes may be getting added.

Then the most concerning. Microbial growth like molds. People have complained buds look moldy, that they smell bad, that they taste bad and even that people get ill after consuming.
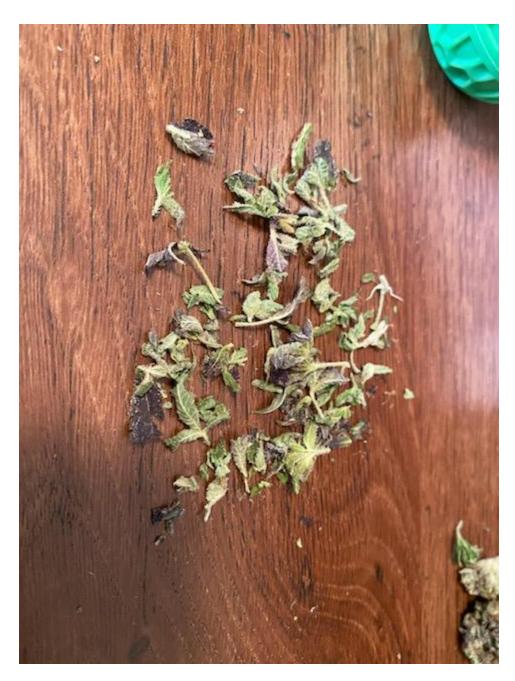
Following are some pictures. Often quality problems are difficult to show with a picture. For instance something smelling moldy doesn't come through. Even mold itself is very difficult.

People complain to the Dept.

If there was an open market, quality is controlled by the market. Produce something people don't like and you are unable to sell. We have created a monopoly. There really is no place other than the illicit market for people to go. People don't want to do that. With a monopoly, quality becomes a regulatory function of government. So we need either to open up the market to competition, or we need to more aggressively regulate in order to assure safety and other quality aspects.

The lot of Cannabis

Trim taken from that lot.

Seeds from that lot

Seeds from another lot

Colors bleeding