

HOUSE BILL 1391

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Thank you Mrs Lee and the Senate Human Services committee for allowing my testimony. I am Gail Pederson and I introduced myself earlier in HB 1359. I am from District 24 in Valley City.

As a cannabis nurse advocate, professional organizations recommend and I totally agree with the addition of an edible food product. As a medical person, I want to know the dosage and an edible food product can do just that. Micro dosing of 2.5 mg of a THC product is a good starting point. An edible allows for a longer time of action which is usually 4-6 hours. This is something important for proper medication management. Since us elderly are the largest growing group using cannabis, access is limited in facilities where recovering seniors may reside. Edibles are a way to provide legal access for those in this situation.

I do have trouble with the statement of the amount of edible a patient can possess (500mg). I would like to add to "500mg of a 'commercial' cannabinoid product." People are making their own edibles, usually with a gram of Full Spectrum Oil (FSO). That is 1000mg. Would a person be breaking the law for making their own under this language? That is a concern for me of the continued criminalization of this legal plant.

On page two Line 19, I would like to point out the misspelling of cannabinoid in the amended language.

Thank you to those who brought this forward. I stand for questions.