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WILLAMETTE VALLEY NORML



your local chapter of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws

March Madness for Reefer Activist Community As Legislative Session Gets Serious

Some 30 Bills Currently In The Oregon State House And Senate Involving Marijuana; Good Thing They've Nothing Better To Do, Eh?

Like House Bill 2982, Sponsored by Representative WINGARD (at the request of Deputy Emile Burley of the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office) (Presession filed.) -- Relating to medical marijuana. In summary, it states it will Require Oregon Health Authority to deny application for medical marijuana registry identification card if applicant has been convicted of felony involving controlled substance; Prohibit persons convicted of felony involving controlled substance from using medical marijuana registry identification card;

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Rally For MMJ

There will be a Rally (11am) about and Hearing (1pm) on HB 2982 on Wednesday, February 23, 2011.

Rally and Hearing on Measure -
Date: Wednesday - February 23
/ Time: 11 A.M., Capital Steps,
Salem, Oregon. * Getting to
the Capitol > 900 Court Street
NE, Salem, Oregon 97301 *
Hours: Monday-Friday: 8:00-
5:30 ~ Saturday: Closed ~
Sunday: Closed * Visitor
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things like Where to Park. visit:
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And at 1:00 P.M. / Room: 343
- HB 2982 FIRST PUBLIC
HEARING - Requires Oregon
Health Authority to deny
application for medical
marijuana registry identification
card if applicant has been

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And Lets Not Neglect Federal and Other State Items

Write Your State Senator or Representative and Urge Support for Marijuana Law Reform. Marijuana law reform bills are now pending in nearly two dozen states. We are urging you to visit NORML's Legislative Action Alert page and find out. More and spread the word on Current Issues and Legislation Action Alerts like these State Legislative items:

* Arizona - [Bill To Defelonize Marijuana Possession Penalties Introduced In Arizona](#)

* California - (1) [Medical Marijuana Anti-Discrimination Bill Introduced In California](#) - and - (2) - [Gov. Schwarzenegger Signs Marijuana Infraction Measure Into Law](#)

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The Willamette Valley NORML News Report

is an all-volunteer, not-for-profit project to record and broadcast news, announcements and information about cannabis law reform.

The W-V-NORML News Report is produced by the Eugene, OREGON chapter of NORML, the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws

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Check 'em out on-line! *visit:*

WillametteValleyNORML.org

A Voice for Responsible Marijuana Smokers

Since its founding in 1970, NORML has provided a voice in the public policy debate for those Americans who oppose marijuana prohibition and favor an end to the practice of arresting marijuana smokers. A nonprofit public-interest advocacy group, NORML represents the interests of the tens of millions of Americans who smoke marijuana responsibly. During the 1970s, NORML led the successful efforts to decriminalize minor marijuana offenses in 11 states and significantly lower marijuana penalties in all others.

The oldest and largest marijuana legalization organization in the country, NORML maintains a professional staff in Washington, DC, and a network of volunteer state and local [NORML Chapters](#) across the country. Check 'em out, and find the one nearest you!

The NORML mission is to move public opinion sufficiently to achieve the repeal of marijuana prohibition so that the responsible use of cannabis by adults is no longer subject to penalty.

When marijuana is enjoyed responsibly, subjecting users to harsh criminal and civil penalties provides no public benefit and causes terrible injustices. For reasons of public safety, public health, economics and justice, the prohibition laws should be repealed to the extent that they criminalize responsible marijuana use. **NORML, the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws – is located at 1600 K Street, NW, Suite 501, Washington, DC 20006-2832. Phone (202) 483-5500, Fax: (202) 483-0057 or visit: www.norml.org**

Today Willamette Valley NORML joins the fight to reform state and federal marijuana laws, whether by voter initiative or through the elected legislatures. W-V-NORML will serve as an informational resource to media on marijuana-related stories, providing a perspective to offset the [anti-marijuana propaganda](#) from the government; lobby state and federal legislators in support of reform legislation; publish a regular [newsletter](#); host an informative web site; and serve as the umbrella group for a regional network of citizen-activists committed to ending marijuana prohibition and legalizing marijuana.

Along with their parent organization, W-V-NORML will sponsor public advertising campaigns to better educate the public about marijuana and alternatives to current marijuana policy; provide legal assistance and support to victims of the current laws; and promote relevant research.

W-V-NORML supports the right of adults to use marijuana responsibly, whether for [medical](#) or [personal](#) purposes. All penalties, both civil and criminal, should be eliminated for responsible use. W-V-NORML also advocates the legalization of [hemp](#) (non-psychoactive marijuana) for industrial use. **To find out more, like how you can help, call, write or visit our website. You'll be glad you did!**

<continued from RALLY, page 1 > convicted of felony involving controlled substance. * How to Testify in Front of Committee is at: www.leg.state.or.us/citizenguide/ * NOTE: You may call your legislators by contacting the WATS operator. Within Salem, call 503-986-1187. Outside of Salem, please call 1-800-332-2313.

If you are a constituent of a member of the committee PLEASE contact your representative urging they NOT refer this to Ways and Means. Here is the info on the The House Judiciary Committee Membership:

Jeff Barker, Co-Chair - Beaverton and Aloha

Wayne Krieger, Co-Chair - Curry County

Chris Garrett, Co-Vice Chair - Lake Oswego and SW Portland (part)

Wally Hicks, Co-Vice Chair - Josephine County (most)

Mary Nolan - Inner NW and SW Portland (Part)

Andy Olson - Linn and Benton Counties (Part of both)

Mike Schaufler - East Mult. Co. (part) Clackamas Co (part)

Carolyn Tomei - Milwaukie and parts of SE Portland

Matt Wand - E. Mult Co (Troutdale, Wood Village, Corbet)

Gene Whisnant - Deschuttes Co.

If you're not sure who your representative is, go here: <http://www.leg.state.or.us/findlegsltr/> and enter your address.

Remember, without the OMMA, all patients would be in violation of the Oregon controlled substances act. Many patients have controlled substance convictions which pre-date the OMMA and which were directly related to their medicinal use.

Be polite, direct and use short sentences.

If you schedule a meeting, be prompt and dress appropriately.

If you can't lobby, come to the hearing to show your opposition to this proposal.

Details: This bill would punish citizens who committed a past felony, but that have served their time, and who are also sick enough become doctor-qualified to use medical marijuana. In this way, the bill seeks to re-punish citizens. This will create a significant unfunded mandate for background checks on an estimated 80,000 current OMMP cardholders, including caregivers as well as patients. The OMPI estimate for the cost of 80,000 background checks is at least \$7.5 million.

It is unlikely that state agencies could conduct 75,000 background checks without the assistance of law enforcement agencies or private contractors. This would create a significant privacy concern for OMMP cardholders, who currently enjoy privacy unless part of an active criminal investigation. This bill also has a punitive effect on patients who were convicted as drug felons in states with harsh laws; those same patients would have suffered no more than a misdemeanor under Oregon law. For example, Oregon residents can possess not more than one ounce of marijuana and receive only a civil penalty. In other states, the amount needed for a felony conviction is much lower.

The cost of this measure raises the fear of new fees and fee increases for OMMP program members, to pay for background checks. In general, OMMP patients are not able to afford higher fees. 39.4% of OMMP cardholders currently receive a discounted OMMP fee because they are low-income, according to OMMP analysis.

A copy of the Bill may be found online at: <http://www.leg.state.or.us/11reg/measpdf/hb2900.dir/hb2982.intro.pdf>

and here <http://www.leg.state.or.us/11reg/measures/hb2900.dir/hb2982.intro.html>

History: to find out or stay updated, go to <http://www.leg.state.or.us/searchmeas.html>, select Senate/House type of Measure and enter the bill number - ie; "2536" for HB2536 - or other keyword to To check up on bills and see their history. <continued on next page>

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History of HB 2982 -

- **01/11 (H)** First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.
- **01/21 (H)** Referred to Judiciary with subsequent referral to Ways and Means.
- **02/23 (H)** Public Hearing scheduled.

▶ **Getting to the Capitol** > 900 Court Street NE, Salem, Oregon 97301



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Sunday: Closed *
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Testifying

▶ **How to Testify in Front of Committee** is at: www.leg.state.or.us/citizenguide/ * NOTE: You may call your legislators by contacting the WATS operator. Within Salem, call 503-986-1187. Outside of Salem, please call 1-800-332-2313.

Each speaker called to testify will have two minutes to address the committee. The order of testimony may be managed to ensure that all points of view on these measures are presented.

Staff respectfully requests that you submit 25 collated copies of written materials at the time of your testimony and, if possible, an electronic copy of materials provided to staff 24 hours prior to the meeting. Persons making presentations including the use of video, DVD, PowerPoint or overhead projection equipment are asked to contact committee staff and provide an electronic copy 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Whether you want to testify or not, it would be good to come to Salem for any hearings. It would be especially good to try to schedule a meeting with your Senator -or- Representative before the meeting, possible.

As with coming to court, if you decide to attend hearings, please dress appropriately and be polite and respectful. If you cannot attend, Please write and testify.

More Tips, Tools and Such, Spread the Word!

▶ **Find Your Legislator** online at - www.leg.state.or.us/findlegsltr/findset.htm. Visit: www.leg.state.or.us/findlegsltr/home.htm - and fill out the form entering your home address. Then click on the "submit" button and you will then be given your state and US legislators.

▶ **The official Oregon State Index of Measures with Scheduled Actions,** the agenda search engine, is at - <http://www.leg.state.or.us/11reg/agenda/webagenda.htm> - here you can look up when and where a hearing or work session is - by the bill number - ie; "2536" for HB2536 - or other keyword.

▶ **Find out who's on a Committee during the 11 session,** visit - <http://www.leg.state.or.us/11reg/pubs/commsch.pdf>

▶ **Write your legislator online.** To send a message to your State Senator or State Representative please visit: www.leg.state.or.us/writelegsltr/ and fill out the form. By entering your information, you will be automatically matched to either your State Senator or your State Representative. Click "submit" when you are ready to send your message.

▶ **See a List of OR St. House of Reps at:** www.leg.state.or.us/house/ and a List of OR St. Senate at: www.leg.state.or.us/senate/
There is also the Senate and House District Listing from Secretary of State, Elections Division

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▶ **Phoning Your Legislator.** During a legislative session, you may call your legislators by contacting the WATS operator. Within Salem, call 503-986-1187. Outside of Salem, please call 1-800-332-2313.

▶ **To check up on bills;** here is the link to the search bills page www.leg.state.or.us/searchmeas.html click on search for specific measure ... fill in the blanks on the page, hit enter and you will get the text of any bill. For example, try typing "marijuana" in the search engine for new bills. Also look for "cannabis" and we should not forget to mention "hemp" at some time.

▶ **To view the Text of a bill;** If one wants PDF with changes bolded one can go here: landru.leg.state.or.us/11reg/measures/ click on the directory like HB 2600's and find it in PDF instead of just HTML.

▶ **These web links tell you what committee a bill goes to.** For senate bills: www.leg.state.or.us/11reg/pubs/senmh.html for house bills: www.leg.state.or.us/11reg/pubs/hsemh.html

▶ **To find out how a hearing went,** you can check out the Legislative Audio / Video Archives at: <http://www.leg.state.or.us/listn/>

▶ **If you need information regarding the legislative process,** you can email the Legislative Liaison at help.leg@state.or.us -or- call 503-986-1000 -or- visit: www.leg.state.or.us/

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* in Connecticut, (1) - [Medical Marijuana Legislation Reintroduced in Connecticut Legislature](#) – and (2) - [Bill To Reduce Marijuana Possession Penalties Reintroduced In Connecticut](#)

* Delaware - [Delaware Senate Considers Regulating Medical Marijuana](#)

* in Hawaii, a couple of items – (1) [Update: Senate Committees Approve Bill To Reduce Marijuana Penalties in Hawaii](#) , (2) [Legislation Reintroduced To Expand Hawaii's Medical Marijuana Limits](#) - and (3) - [State Senate Considers Licensing Medical Cannabis Dispensaries in Hawaii](#)

* Idaho - [Idaho Considers Regulating Medical Marijuana](#)

* in Illinois – (1) [Medical Marijuana Legislation Reintroduced in Illinois Legislature](#) - and (2) - [Bill to Reduce Marijuana Possession Penalties Introduced in Illinois](#)

* Indiana - [UPDATE: Lawmakers To Debate Measure To Review Indiana Marijuana Laws](#)

* Kansas - [House Lawmakers Reintroduce Kansas Cannabis Compassion & Care Act](#)

* Massachusetts has (1) - a [Bill to Regulate and Tax Marijuana Introduced in Massachusetts Legislature](#) – and (2) - [Marijuana Legalization and Medicalization Measures To Be Reintroduced in Massachusetts](#)

* in Maryland – (1) [Legislation to Reduce Penalties for Marijuana Possession Introduced in Maryland](#) – and (2) - [Coalition Of Lawmakers Reintroduce Measures To Regulate Medical Marijuana In Maryland](#)

* in Montana – (1) [UPDATED: Montana's Medical Marijuana Law Under Siege, House Votes on Full Repeal](#) - and (2) - [Update: Montana House Tables Dangerous 'Drugged Driving' Legislation](#)

* Nebraska - [Nebraska Lawmakers Consider Dangerous 'Drugged Driving' Legislation](#)

* New Hampshire - [New Hampshire Legislature Considers Regulating Medical Marijuana](#)

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<continued from previous page> * New Jersey - [New Jersey Senators Hold Hearing To Rewrite State's Medical Marijuana Regulations](#)

* New York - [Bill To Regulate Medical Marijuana Reintroduced In New York](#)

* Oklahoma - [Oklahoma To Consider "Compassionate" Marijuana Use](#)

* Rhode Island - [Legislation to Reduce Marijuana Possession Penalties Introduced in Rhode Island](#)

* Tennessee - [Medical Marijuana Safe Access Act Reintroduced in Tennessee](#)

* in Texas - (1) [Medical Marijuana Affirmative Defense Bill Reintroduced In Texas](#) - and (2) - [Bill To Reduce Marijuana Possession Penalties Reintroduced In Texas](#)

* in Vermont they're considering (1) - [Vermont Senate Considers Licensing Medical Marijuana Dispensaries](#) - and (2) - [Vermont Lawmakers To Seriously Consider Decriminalizing Marijuana In 2011](#)

* while in Virginia it's - [Virginia Lawmakers Quash Marijuana Decriminalization Measure](#)

* and in Washington - (1) [Washington Legislature To Debate Plan To Expand State's Medical Cannabis Law](#) - along with (2) - [Washington House Lawmakers To Decide On Bill To Regulate Adult Marijuana Production, Use, and Sales](#) **And more at -**

<http://capwiz.com/norml2/issues/>

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In effect it will (1) Require background checks for all new OMMP card applicants, as well as background checks of all existing OMMP cardholders -- approximately 80,000 people; which would cost a whole lot and gain nothing

for we, the people, but profit the prison / "justice" system special interests putting this thing forward. And (2) Would deny or revoke the OMMP card of any new or existing OMMP cardholders for any past felony involving a controlled substance; effectively denying them medicine - in some cases the only one that works - for their crime, as a part of their punishment. To what gain to society, we're not clear on yet, but intend to ask the proponents at all levels.

And this is just one of the many gems submitted to the legislation. A search of the Oregon State Legislative web-site (<http://www.leg.state.or.us:8765/query.html?col=1meas11&qt=marijuana&charset=iso-8859-1>) reveals there are some 30 measures relating to marijuana in the Oregon State legislature this session and there are undoubtedly more coming. Hearings are already happening for bills regarding patients right to be a patient, among others. There is a web page set up with a list at -

<http://willamettevalleynorml.org/legis/2011/>

- with web pages set up for each bill in order to gather related talking points, LTE examples, Hearing notices, links and Bulletin Boards so everyone can contribute.

We can make a statement by our numbers so please try to attend Hearings and such, even if you don't plan to testify. You can also always just go up and say "ditto" to a previous speaker!

Please e-mail, call or visit if you can't make it and do have testimony, write to members of the committee -and/or- write your Senator and State Rep. They are mostly hearing from law enforcement, and other special interests, so you are needed to counter the deliberate misinformation. Links and other tools on how to contact your rep, find out about bills, etc. is at - <http://willamettevalleynorml.org/legis/state.html>

Some GOOD News! -- Senator PROZANSKI is on Judiciary Committee. And there is ...

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▶ **Oregon State > House Bill 2674 Introduced and printed pursuant to House Rule 12.00. Pre-session filed (at the request of House Interim Committee on Judiciary) -- Relating to possession of controlled substances; declaring an emergency.**

> **Reduces possession of user quantity of controlled substance in Schedules I and II to Class A misdemeanor. Punishes by maximum of one year's imprisonment, \$6,250 fine, or both. Defines 'user quantity' as quantity of controlled substance that is less than quantities listed in ORS 475.900 (2)(b) and possession of which is not commercial drug offense.**

> **Declares emergency, effective on passage.**

Status:

01/11 (H) First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.

01/21 (H) Referred to Judiciary. Click here for >> [more info](#) << like text.

▶ **Oregon State > House Bill 2789 Sponsored by Representative THATCHER (Pre-session filed.) -- Relating to firearms.**

> **Authorizes issuance of concealed handgun license to person convicted or diverted for certain marijuana offenses in another jurisdiction, if conviction or diversion is equivalent to conviction or diversion that does not operate as bar to obtaining license under Oregon law.**

> **Expands class of marijuana convictions that do not operate as bar to obtaining concealed handgun license to include misdemeanor conviction for possession of marijuana that was committed before possession of less than ounce was made punishable solely by fine under Oregon law.**

Status:

01/11 (H) First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.

01/21 (H) Referred to Judiciary. Click here for >> [more info](#) << like text.

More Bad and some downright Ugly News, Remember these clowns come next election cycle!

▶ **Oregon State > House Bill 3202 Sponsored by Representatives ESQUIVEL, GARRARD; Representatives HANNA, KRIEGER, MATTHEWS, SCHAUFLE, SPRENGER, THATCHER, Senator ATKINSON -- Relating to medical use of marijuana and one that makes significant changes to the OMMP.** Modifies provisions of Oregon Medical Marijuana Act. SUMMARY of some of the items:

- Removes caregivers; Appears to eliminate the caregiver designation altogether
- Removes anyone under 18 years of age.
- Increases the time since a felony drug conviction until a person may be a designated grower from 5 to 15 years
- Changes the requirement that an "attending physician" can authorize cards to new requirement that a patient's "primary care physician" issue approval
- LE would be given lists of growers by OHA.
- Growers would have to agree to inspection by LE.
- LE would be authorized to remove all plants, product and equipment if a grower is not in compliance (as opposed to removing the aunts exceeding OMMA limits).
- Changes plant limits to two mature and two seedlings and possession to one ounce.
- Removes what little affirmative defense there is all-together.
- Drastically changes the composition of the ACMM. And more.

Status:

02/09 (H) First reading. Referred to the desks of the Co-Speakers.

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02/16 (H) Referred to Health Care with subsequent referral to Judiciary. Click here for >> [more info](#) << like text.

Rep. Esquivel had a small blurb in the Sunday Mail Tribune asking his constituents to read his bill (HB 3202) rolling back OMMA and let him know how they liked it. We suggest that the reader do just that! Fill his email inbox and phone lines with concise explanations of just how this bill would damage OMMP folks and cost the state in general. E-mail via - rep.salesquivel@state.or.us - and phone: 503-986-1406. And then get everybody you know to do so also. Here is an example -

From: Greg Byers
Subject: HB 3202
To: rep.salesquivel@state.or.us
Date: Monday, February 21, 2011

Dear Rep. Esquivel,

I must tell you I am very disappointed in your attempt to destroy the OMMA. It has been key in lowering the amount of opiate drugs I need to take for arthritis racked body. I am a US Navy combat veteran from the Vietnam era, a father and grandfather, a retired/disabled Master Honda Technician and am getting by on my social security check.

When the People of Oregon passed the OMMA in 1998 it was thought that very few people would need or want to use cannabis as medicine, since then it has seen much greater use than was thought possible because many more people found they got better relief from their multiple symptoms than the PhARMA drugs prescribed with far fewer bad side effects.

It has saved millions of dollars that the State would otherwise have used to help support people unable to live in their own homes. Alterations to the Program, like with HB3202, will raise the cost to the State and the Oregon Health Authority, the State Police and everyone on the program.

The program is self funding and takes nothing

from the General Fund as a matter of fact it has put "excess" funds into the GF, helping close shortfalls in the budget, rather than funding improvements in the program's function and quality of service. Limiting the program will make it much more expensive for all patients on the program. Many patients require more than one ounce a month in order to be able to medicate with edibles made with cannabis rather than smoking it. My own needs are greater than the limits you recommend and will drive me into the black market that we are all trying to fight.

Please educate yourself more on the actual consequences of reforming the OMMA that your bill will destroy. The law enforcement agencies trying to influence you are upset with the citizens trying to legislate on their own regarding what is perceived as a bad law, the prohibition of cannabis for all purposes. Our LEOs are getting a bit to the outer edges of proper use of their time, coming up with multiple bad ideas regarding cannabis and wasting your time trying to get them into law. We have voted more than once to keep the OMMA and law enforcement has come to the Legislature every year saying, it's an emergency, the sky is falling or will fall, unless we do this, this and this!

The citizens elected you to see that the money they sent to the Oregon government is properly used and no harm is caused to Oregonians by passing malicious laws. This borders on that! LEO has repeatedly overstated the problems they perceive and attempted to make the OMMA untenable to those enrolled in the program.

Please rethink your bill and your support for the OMMA. It really does work for those using it within the law as currently written and those violating the law are getting caught already.

Thank you for your time and positive efforts.

Sincerely,

K. Greg Byers

Eugene, Oregon

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▶ **Oregon State > Senate Bill 327**
Sponsored by Senator FERRIOLI (in memory of Steven 'Upty ' Uptegrove) (Pre-session filed.) -- Relating to controlled substances; declaring an emergency.

> **Creates crime of unlawful manufacture of marijuana on public land. Punishes by maximum of 20 years' imprisonment, \$375,000 fine, or both.**

Status:

01/14 (S) Referred to Judiciary. Click here for >> [more info](#) << like text.

▶ **Oregon State > Senate Bill 646**
Sponsored by Senator GIROD -- Relating to drugs in the workplace.

Expands ability of employer to prohibit use of medical marijuana in workplace.

Status:

02/08 (S) Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk. Click here for >> [more info](#) << like text.

▶ **Oregon State > Senate Bill 645**
Sponsored by Senator GIROD -- Relating to drug-free workplace policies.

> **Allows employer to adopt comprehensive drug-free workplace program, including drug and alcohol testing policies. Establishes requirements for program and policies, including requirements for collection of samples and testing procedures.**

> **Exempts employer from civil actions under certain conditions when employer has adopted comprehensive drug-free workplace program. Modifies definition of 'compensable injury' in workers' compensation law. Modifies application of disability law in relation to illegal use of**

drugs.

> **Requires applicant for medical marijuana registry identification card to notify employer before using marijuana. Provides that Oregon Medical Marijuana Act does not require employer to make workplace accommodation regardless of where marijuana use occurs.**

Status:

02/08 (S) Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk. Click here for >> [more info](#) << like text.

▶ **Oregon State > House Bill 3046 (AKA the "Stormy Ray" Bill for 2011) Sponsored by Representative SCHAUFLE** -- Relating to the Oregon Medical Marijuana Act; appropriating money; declaring an emergency; providing for revenue raising that requires approval by a three-fifths majority.

> **Directs Oregon Health Authority to register marijuana cooperatives to operate marijuana grow sites and sell marijuana to registry identification cardholders. Imposes 10 percent tax on net profit from sale of marijuana by cooperative. Continuously appropriates 50 percent of moneys from tax to authority for purposes of administering Oregon Medical Marijuana Program.**

> **As of January 1, 2013, eliminates registration of marijuana grow sites not operated by cooperative or at residence of registry identification cardholder or designated primary caregiver.**

> **Modifies other provisions relating to administration of program.**

> **Declares emergency, effective on passage.**

Status:

02/01 (H) First reading. Referred to the desks of the Co-Speakers.
02/07 (H) Referred to Health Care with

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▶ **Oregon State > House Bill 3132 Sponsored by Representative OLSON; Representatives DOHERTY, FREEMAN, JOHNSON, KRIEGER, SCHAUFLER, SPRENGER, THOMPSON, WHISNANT, Senators KRUSE, MORSE, THOMSEN --** Relating to the Oregon Medical Marijuana Program.

> **Modifies provisions relating to registry identification card for medical use of marijuana.**

> **Provides that Oregon Health Authority shall revoke registry identification card if cardholder is convicted of drug crime.**

NOTE: In addition to the drug crime provisions, this bill establishes a new standard for patients to qualify for a OMMP card. Doctors would not certify that marijuana "may mitigate symptoms or effect" to "will provide therapeutic value and mitigate the symptoms or effects."

Status:

02/07 (H) First reading. Referred to the desks of the Co-Speakers. Click here for >> [more info](#) << like text.

▶ **Oregon State > Senate Bill 70 Printed pursuant to Senate Interim Rule 213.28 by order of the President of the Senate in conformance with pre-session filing rules, indicating neither advocacy nor opposition on the part of the President (at the request of Governor John A. Kitzhaber for Department of State Police) --** Relating to fees for criminal identification services.

> **Authorizes Department of State Police to establish fee schedules to cover costs of**

obtaining, maintaining and providing criminal identification records and information.

Status:

01/10 (S) Introduction and first reading.

Referred to President's desk.

01/14 (S) Referred to Judiciary, then Ways and Means. Click here for >> [more info](#) << like text.

▶ **Oregon State > House Bill 3093 Sponsored by Representative HICKS --** Relating to medical marijuana.

Reduces amount of usable medical marijuana that person may possess to one ounce.

Status:

02/02 (H) First reading. Referred to the desks of the Co-Speakers.

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▶ **Oregon State > House Bill 3129 House Bill 3129 is Sponsored by Representative OLSON; Representatives BARKER, FREEMAN, JOHNSON, KRIEGER, SCHAUFLER, SPRENGER, THOMPSON, WHISNANT, WINGARD, Senators KRUSE, MORSE --** Relating to the Oregon Medical Marijuana Program.

Modifies provisions relating to release of information from Oregon Medical Marijuana Program to Oregon Health Authority and law enforcement.

Status:

02/07 (H) First reading. Referred to the desks of the Co-Speakers. Click here for >> [more info](#) << like text.

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▶ **Oregon State > House Bill 3077**
Sponsored by Representative HUNT --
Relating to medical marijuana.

**Requires medical marijuana registry
identification cardholder to be Oregon
resident.**

Status:

02/01 (H) First reading. Referred to the desks
of the Co-Speakers.

02/07 (H) Referred to Judiciary. Click here for
>> [more info](#) << like text.

▶ **Oregon State > House Bill 2178**
**Sponsored by Representative COWAN (at
the request of Rob Bovett and Oregon
Narcotics Enforcement Association)**
(Presession filed.) -- Relating to controlled
substance offenses within 1,000 feet of a
school; declaring an emergency.

**> Includes preschool in meaning of school
for purposes of controlled substance
offenses committed within 1,000 feet of
school.**

**> Declares emergency, effective on
passage.**

Status:

01/10 (H) First reading. Referred to Speaker's
desk.

01/21 (H) Referred to Judiciary. Click here for
>> [more info](#) << like text.

▶ **Oregon State > House Bill 2994**
Sponsored by Representative
RICHARDSON (Presession filed.) -- Relating
to the Oregon Medical Marijuana Program.

**Prohibits operation of marijuana grow site
within 2,500 feet of school or place of
worship.**

Status:

01/11 (H) First reading. Referred to Speaker's
desk.

01/21 (H) Referred to Judiciary. Click here for
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**Medical Marijuana Advocates File
Briefs in Federal Court Opposing
Disclosure of Private Patient Records**

**Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette,
an opponent of medical marijuana, is
willing to comply with court order**

Grand Rapids, MI -- The country's leading
medical marijuana advocacy group, Americans
for Safe Access (ASA), filed an amicus "friend
of the court" brief today defending the privacy
rights of patients across the U.S. The federal
case U.S. v. Michigan Department of
Community Health is the result of the Justice
Department seeking private patient records
from the state's medical marijuana program.
Last June, the federal Drug Enforcement
Administration (DEA) subpoenaed the private
records of 7 state-registered patients, but after
the Department of Community Health (DCH)
refused to turn over the documents based on
provisions in Michigan's medical marijuana law,
the Obama Administration took the state to
court.

"Patient privacy is an important ethical and
public health issue of our time, regardless of
whether patients benefits from the use of
medical marijuana," said ASA Chief Counsel
Joe Elford, author of the amicus brief filed
today. "We must do everything we can to
protect that right to privacy, especially for
medical marijuana patients who remain
vulnerable due to an outdated federal law."
Following the subpoenas for patient records,
the DEA conducted raids in July and December
of last year, targeting several state-compliant
patient cultivators. No one was indicted as a
result of the raids, but the DEA claims to be
engaged in an ongoing investigation. Visit -
<http://www.safeaccessnow.org/article.php?id=6252> - for more.



News From *your* local affiliate of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws

Tell Congress: Cut Funding for the Drug

War. Congress is working on a new federal budget. There is an opportunity to cut the funding that helps keep the drug war alive at the local level.

Tell Congress: No more money for failed drug policies. **Visit -**

<http://www.drugpolicy.org/homepage.cfm> -
for more.

Don't Silence Cops Who Criticize the "War on Drugs"; Please sign the petition to support LEAP speaker and Canadian police officer David Bratzer in his right to free speech. Visit - <http://www.leap.cc/cms/index.php> - for more.

Eliminate the Drug Czar's office! The House is currently debating H.R. 1, which would fund the government for the rest of the current fiscal year. As part of this debate, Representatives Jared Polis (D-CO) and Ron Paul (R-TX) are introducing an amendment to eliminate funding for the Office of National Drug Control Policy, commonly known as the Drug Czar's office. This would represent a savings of more than \$24 million in taxpayer dollars.

Just a few months ago, the conservative Heritage Foundation endorsed this exact position when it called on Congress to "[e]liminate the duplicative Office of National Drug Control Policy." Go to <http://bit.ly/eUcWR8> - and Follow [FearlessVote](#) Reps Jared Polis and Ron Paul in their efforts Visit - <http://www.mpp.org/> - for more.

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*** NOTE! The Willamette Valley NORML Public meeting * Happens (most!) every 4th Sat. of the month and will be at**



Cozmic Pizza - in Theo's Coffee House Meeting Room - at 199 W 8th Av, Eugene, Oregon * Excepting Holidays - Nov., Dec. - when it takes place 3rd Sat.! For more info on meeting call: 541.517-0957 -or- visit: <http://w-v-norml.org/meeting.html>

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