



Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

Neutral Testimony on Senate Bill 555

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Chairman Thompson and Members of the Committee on Federal and State Affairs,

We appear today on behalf of Metrc, the nation's leading cannabis tracking and tracing company. Metrc provides our services in 24 states including medical and adult use.

Our analysis of Senate Bill 555 suggests the protections for cannabis quality, regulatory oversight, safety and security for consumers can be enhanced with the addition of amendment language. Below is more comprehensive language included in many other states and built upon the early cannabis experiences originating in Colorado and modified since.

If the Committee works and advances Senate Bill 555, we encourage inclusion of the attached language to ensure the consumer is protected, the security of production and distribution is confirmed, and appropriate regulatory bodies and state and local entities have the information they need to ensure Senate Bill 555 is implemented with the best chance to be successful.

We are happy to respond to questions at the appropriate time.

Seed to Sale Tracking System. (1) The Department shall procure, maintain, and control a **centralized** computer software Tracking System that tracks cannabis from seed or immature plant stage to sale and allows real-time, 24-hour access by the Department to data from each medical cannabis business licensed under this Act and all laboratories providing cannabis testing. The Tracking System must uniquely identify and track **each** cannabis plant and product. Records entered into the Tracking System shall include when seeds are planted, plants in vegetative state, harvested, transferred, transported, processed, lab testing results, remediated, destroyed, sold and any other data necessary the Department deems necessary. Each medical cannabis licensee shall be responsible for ensuring that all medical cannabis sold or disbursed to a registered qualifying patient or registered designated caregiver is recorded in the Tracking System as a purchase by or on behalf of the applicable registered qualifying patients. Each medical cannabis licensee shall use the Tracking System established by the Department, either directly **or by integrating** its own enterprise software system with the Tracking System. The system must provide integration of enterprise software solutions into the system, including integration with the patient registry, licensing databases and law enforcement technology with the purpose of verifying patients and physician recommendations.

Sincerely,

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