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Marijuana

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"The crime was manufacturing and delivery," she said, referring to the charge brought against the Oakland Cannabis Buyers Cooperative. "The ruling addresses the seller, not the user."

However, Harris added that the "broad language" of the bill hints at the possibility that the precedent set could be applied to users of medical marijuana in the future.

Sponsored by the Oregon House of Representatives Judiciary Committee, House Bill 3919 seeks to expand current medical marijuana laws under the Oregon Medical Marijuana Act (OMMA) of 1998. Rep. Vicki Walker, D-Eugene, said that often a committee will sponsor a bill at the request of a member when that person does not want to have his or her name associated with it.

The bill would increase the amount of marijuana a recognized medical marijuana patient could legally possess from three to five ounces. The number of mature plants a patient could legally possess would change to five plants from three plants and the number of immature plants from four to five.

Rep. Carl Wilson, R-Grants Pass, said the bill seemed to be dead in a previous committee due to bureaucratic "prioritizing" before it was transferred to the House Rules, Redistricting and Public Affairs Committee, of which Wilson is chairman.

The bill is currently awaiting assignment to a work session. Wilson said that because of Monday's Supreme Court ruling, he has requested an opinion from legal counsel before scheduling a work session in order to make sure the committee won't be "beating a

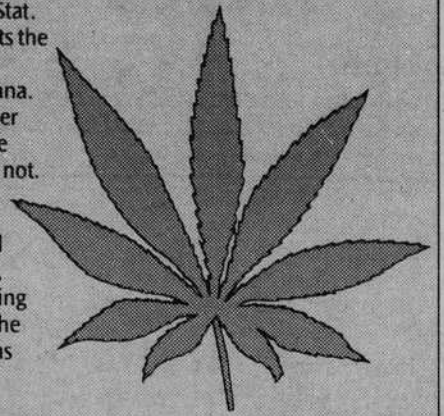
United States, petitioner v. Oakland Cannabis Buyers Cooperative and Jeffrey Jones

The Controlled Substances Act, 84 Stat. 1242, 21 U.S.C. 801 *et seq.*, prohibits the manufacture and distribution of various drugs, including marijuana. In this case, we must decide whether there is a medical necessity to these prohibitions. We hold that there is not.

House Bill 3919

Section 1. ORS 475.302 is amended to add 'any medical condition that, in the determination of the attending physician, would be benefited by the medical use' to the list of conditions where medical marijuana use is permitted as treatment.

Section 2. ORS 475.306 is amended to change the number of mature medicinal marijuana plants for private ownership from three to five. The number of immature plants is also increased from three to five.



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dead horse."

Proponents of the Oregon bill assert it would enable those in the state-recognized marijuana program access to ample supplies of marijuana to treat their conditions. However, opponents of the bill have voiced concerns that expanding the law would send conflicting messages to children and would increase the supply of marijuana in the black market.

Wilson's committee held a public hearing earlier last week, which included input from both those in favor of and against the bill. Wilson said many of those testifying were proponents of the bill, and he added that they tend to be "highly motivated" group.

Sgt. Larry Welty, who works in the narcotics division for the Oregon State Police, argued before the committee that the laws would not serve solely to provide patients access to medical marijuana.

Welty cited many cases the narcotics department has seen that in-

involved OMMA card-holders growing many times the number of plants allowed by law.

"These people are shooting themselves in the foot," he said, referring to those who grow excessive amounts.

When the Oregon program was in its formation it was estimated that only about 500 people would qualify for the program; now about 2,000 Oregon residents currently hold medical marijuana cards, Welty said.

"This is just the tip of the iceberg," he said. "The program is exploding — it's going to be a major thing."

Currently, only medical doctors and osteopaths are able to confer eligibility for participation in the medical marijuana program. The bill would enable both naturopaths and chiropractors to sign the necessary forms for a patient to obtain a OMMA card.

Wilson said that he hopes to hear from legal counsel regarding the bill within the week.

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