

Pot

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decide how to approach this issue, not just to Colorado.

"I remain committed to keeping cannabis in the state of Oregon, but out of the hands of children, while protecting the will of Oregonian voters, who overwhelmingly support the legal cannabis industry and the jobs it creates," Brown said.

Oregon's Capitol Hill lawmakers appeared to have doubts about Trump's commitment to the deal.

In a statement, U.S. Rep. Earl Blumenauer, D-Portland, said, "This is another head-spinning moment. We should hope for the best, but not take anything for granted. Trump changes his mind constantly, and Republican leadership is still in our way."

On Twitter, U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Oregon, agreed: "This cannot be another episode of @realDonaldTrump telling somebody whatever they want to hear, only to change directions later on."

"The federal government must respect the decision Oregonians made at the polls," Wyden wrote. "I'm going to keep fighting to protect Oregon's legal marijuana program and pushing for national reform."

The country's rapidly growing marijuana industry has struggled with fears Trump's administration would alter the Obama administration's policy of letting legalized pot flourish in states where voters approved it. Many traditional investors have shied away from pouring their capital into the industry over fears they'd be treated like drug traffickers, and a strong sign of support from Trump over Congressional action might provide the reassurance they're seeking.

Mason Tvert, a longtime marijuana



Indica-strain marijuana buds from Salem-based grower Dog House are displayed at Herbal Remedies, a Salem dispensary on Commercial Street. Republican Sen. Cory Gardner has recently said that he'd received assurances from the president that federal agents would leave alone states like Colorado that have legalized recreational cannabis. MOLLY J. SMITH/STATESMAN JOURNAL

activist who helped lead Colorado's legalization efforts, welcomed the news. "It has been a long and difficult process, but we may now be seeing the light at the end of the tunnel," he said. "This is one more step toward ending the irrational policy of marijuana prohibition, not only in Colorado, but throughout the country."

Attorney General Jeff Sessions is widely considered hostile to cannabis, and in January he rescinded an Obama-era memo assuring state-regulated marijuana dealers that federal prosecutors would leave them alone if they followed state regulations intended to

keep pot out of the hands of kids and money out of the hands of drug cartels.

Nine states and the District of Columbia have legalized recreational pot, although not all of them regulate and permit retail sales. Today, more than 60% of Americans believe recreational marijuana should be legal, double its popularity in 2000, according to a January poll by the Pew Research Center.

Medical pot access enjoys even stronger popularity, numerous studies have found. Thirty states and the District of Columbia have legalized some form of medical cannabis, which already enjoys special protection from

Congress.

A federal crackdown on cannabis risks tens of thousands of jobs and potentially billions of dollars in taxes that are already funding school construction, homelessness services and college scholarships.

Medical and recreational cannabis sales will hit \$11.7 billion this year, predicts cannabis analytics firm New Frontier Data. For comparison, wine sales in the United States were worth \$60 billion last year, according to the Beverage Information and Insights Group.

In January, Sessions said he was rescinding the memo to give prosecutors more discretion, which was widely interpreted as a hostile move. But because Trump during the 2016 presidential campaign said he would respect states' rights to legalize marijuana, the cannabis industry has grown increasingly frustrated with the mixed messages.

Marijuana advocates are pushing Congress to drop pot as a Schedule 1 controlled substance, which could give the industry broader acceptance, potentially opening up access to bank accounts, traditional investing and even the ability to ship products across state lines.

Many leading marijuana industry executives say they'd stopped worrying that Trump and Sessions were truly targeting their businesses.

"If Jeff Sessions wanted to shut the industry down, he could have shut the industry down," said Leslie Bocskor, the founder of Electrum Partners, a cannabis investment and advisory firm. "He doesn't want to kill it. In my opinion he's trying to say to Congress, are you paying attention to the will of the American people? Ultimately, these people are political animals. If somebody who could kill it was going to kill it, it would be dead already. And they haven't."

Statesman Journal reporter Jonathan Bach contributed to this story.

Garbage

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parts.

Garten plans to release a video next week showing what happens to inappropriate items that are thrown in the blue bin.

"It will show the process," McAllister said, "so people can see there's humans that have to sort through their stuff."

Meanwhile, Marion County is in the process of mailing all residents an up-

dated "Waste Matters" newsletter, which details the recycling changes.

The county also is working on a website that will explain the new rules and post any changes, said Brian May, the county's Environmental Services Division manager.

But some frustrated customers say the county and haulers should have developed materials before the announcement was made.

"Why haven't they done it already? As someone who strongly believes in recycling, I think it's a shame this has happened," Salem resident Theresa Byrne

said. "Why didn't they do their job?"

Here's the new list of what Marion and Polk county households can now put in their blue co-mingled recycling bin:

Paper:

- Newspaper, including advertisements and paper inserts
- Corrugated cardboard
- Magazines and catalogs
- Junk/direct mail
- Boxes (cereal, cracker, cookie and shoe boxes)
- Office paper (Copier and printer paper, file folders, note paper, computer

paper, brochures)

Metal:

- Steel (tin) cans
- Aluminum cans

Plastic (bottles and jugs only, clean with lids removed):

- Beverage bottles, 12 ounces or larger only (soda, water, juice)
- Other bottles (soap, household cleaning solutions)
- Jugs (milk, juice, detergent)

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