

Feb. 21, HF100/SF73 Thank you for listening to my testimony today.

You only have one brain – take care of it!

Making THC legal won't make it a safe drug. Over the decades the plant has been cultivated so one can get high much faster, thus more addictive. Furthermore, THC extracted from HEMP can be 50 to 90% more potent than Woodstock pot.

There is no positive public health purpose for legalization.

This bill moves cannabis from a Schedule 1 to a Schedule 3 drug. Like taking it from a locked cabinet and putting it on a park bench. Schedule One includes drugs like Heroin. According to the US Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA): these drugs have a "high potential for abuse"; have no "currently accepted medical treatment use in the U.S." and have a "lack of accepted safety for use under medical supervision."

Under what medical authority does the State Legislature feel they are qualified to make this determination?

Regulating cannabis/THC won't change the psychoactive (or mind-altering) properties of the drug. It will just give people the false sense that is SAFE.

According to medical reports at least 3 preschool age kids have died from THC poisoning. Reports show that marijuana is involved in more than 1 of every 4 road deaths in Colorado.

I was thinking over the amount of testimony that has already been provided in the many committees, I hope you will review it all: Police Chiefs and Associations, the Chamber of Commerce, Hazelden, MD's, PhD's, parents, NAMI, and community members to mention some. All either opposing or pleading for extreme CAUTION – like setting a potency cap so people will be less likely to get addicted and become psychotic. Sending a strong message, setting cannabis apart from alcohol and nicotine, by making the legal age 26 because the brain is not done developing before then.

How much more needs to be said to get an acknowledgement that this is not a SAFE drug, and legalization ONLY feeds an addiction culture and an addiction industry?

STOP NOW and vote no. Thank you, Linda Stanton