

April 30, 2024, SF 4782/HF 4757 Cannabis Fix - CON - Linda Stanton, Woodbury, MN

Thank you for accepting my written testimony.

When this bill was heard in Judiciary and Public Safety, it was revealed that the original legislation does not require a warning label.

I think any member of the public would consider this to be a glaring omission.

Cannabis/THC is a potent, intoxicating, addictive drug.

- Don't take my word for it, many have testified last year, especially parents, of the harm that came to themselves or their children. Even to people taking their own lives or having cannabis induced psychosis.
- Look at the HIDTA 2024 Mn Baseline Marijuana Assessment. Kids, seniors, youth are already being harmed by cannabis use that was encouraged by the legalization of edible products previously.
- Look at the over 20,000 peer reviewed research studies documenting the impact of cannabis on the human brain.
- Listen to the FDA, Surgeon General. Mental health professionals in MN.

Please fix this now. Don't wait for years or decades as was done with tobacco.

Detailed warning labels provided by the OCM, as opposed to industry promoters, with accurate information on the adverse health effects of all cannabis "products" is needed now. See amendment #SF 5079/HF 5103

Suggested example:

WARNING: Do Not Operate a motor vehicle or heavy machinery for 8 hours after consuming THC-containing products or 4 hours after smoking or vaping THC-containing products. Do Not Use during pregnancy or breast feeding. May cause addiction, mental health risks, interactions with pre-existing conditions, harm to the brain. Read the warning pamphlet before consuming.

Thank you.