



August 23, 2024

The Honorable John Laird
Senate District 17
1021 O Street, Suite 8720
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RE: SB-1064 (Laird): Cannabis: operator and separate premises license types - SUPPORT

On behalf of Origins Council, representing 800 small and independent cannabis businesses in rural legacy producing counties throughout California, we are pleased to support SB 1064 as amended on August 22.

SB 1064 would provide much-needed additional licensing flexibility for all California cannabis businesses, including small farmers, by enabling multiple commercial cannabis activities to be authorized on a single premises under a single “combined license.”

Currently, operators seeking to license multiple commercial cannabis activities on the same site - such as multiple different types of cultivation, cultivation alongside transportation, or manufacturing alongside distribution - are typically required to obtain separate licenses for these activities. These separate licenses renew at separate dates, require separate administrative work to maintain, and must be located on separate premises, creating unnecessary inefficiencies that SB 1064 would largely resolve.

If SB 1064 is passed, we look forward to additional conversations with the DCC on how this policy can be implemented to best support licensed cannabis operators, including the ability to easily transition existing license(s) into a combined license; the ability for combined licenses to operate under a single METRC account; a reduction of licensing fees that correlates with savings in DCC's administrative workload to process a single (rather than multiple) licenses; and other efficiencies in implementation.

Sincerely,



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