

HB548 Favorable  
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I support HB548. It is time to end the war on drugs. Prohibition is costly and ineffective public policy. Prohibition was originally implemented for political reasons, not for the benefit of public health or safety. When the task force studies existing laws please include the John Ehrlichman interview in Harpers magazine:

You want to know what this [war on drugs] was really all about? The Nixon campaign in 1968, and the Nixon White House after that, had two enemies: the antiwar left and black people. You understand what I'm saying?

We knew we couldn't make it illegal to be either against the war or black, but by getting the public to associate the hippies with marijuana and blacks with heroin, and then criminalizing both heavily, we could disrupt those communities. We could arrest their leaders, raid their homes, break up their meetings, and vilify them night after night on the evening news.

Did we know we were lying about the drugs? Of course we did."

<https://harpers.org/archive/2016/04/legalize-it-all/>

Laws that were implemented because of lies should be repealed. Education works better than prohibition. When you consider the cost of continuing the existing laws, consider the costs of not treating those who need access to these medicines. We lose 22 vets per day to suicide. Some PTSD cases have been resolved by a single psychedelic treatment. Justice delayed is justice denied.

When you do legalize, please also remember to remove psychedelics from the kingpin statutes.

Thank you,  
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