

HB204 Favorable with Amendments
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I support HB204 and request the committee to pass this bill as favorable.

The requirement “ENSURING AN EQUITABLE CANNABIS MARKET IN THE STATE” is very vague. There are ways for wholesalers to control the market through exclusive agreements and pricing that should be explicitly prohibited. We don’t want wholesalers effectively preventing dispensaries from doing business with cultivators or processors without necessarily requiring everyone to carry everything. Has this been thought through? There are specific tactics like shelf space deals that could be explicitly noted in the legislation to provide more guidance to MCA.

Is there any reason that we want wholesalers dealing with live plants? HB619 references a nursery license that does not exist. Why not add that license here in this bill?

Can a cannabis wholesaler also hold a liquor wholesale license?

What product testing should a wholesaler be doing? It should already be tested.

Thank you,
Rusty Carr