
Public Comments June 4, 2026 meeting

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Committee Members:

Thank you for your efforts in seeking input from the cannabis community and the public regarding correction and improvement of policy and participation of the Department of Cannabis Control.

Firstly, I whole-heartedly support and endorse the comments submitted by Origins Council and the NCCC.

Agenda item #6

As you know, the roll out of the Schedule III order has been confusing and chaotic. The lack of transparency, and adequate instructions and information to guide Medicinal licensees in the DEA registration process is unworkable.

#1 request: Strongly petition the DEA to EXTEND the registration process until many questions are answered. Survival of small farmers is the only way to maintain the legendary quality of California's Craft Cannabis Industry. Your advocating on behalf of small farmers is essential. Imagine Mendocino's farmers limited to less than a quarter acre of cultivation competing with 100s of corporate acres of production in other parts of the state).

#2 request: Recent statistics suggest that illegal operators are still winning--ten years after Prop 64 was implemented. I have sought a medicinal license since first available in 2017 and maintained both state and county licenses in good standing ever since. But, illicit production is responsible for 60% of products on the market leading to over production and driving prices down. Staying in the regulated system seems foolish with no economic future. PLEASE focus on more severe, appropriate penalties and prosecute illegal operations! The cumulative costs of compliance are unsustainable for small cultivators without enforcement support from the state!

Change of license status from Limited Operation to restored operations

The DCC has recently allowed "adult use" licensees to convert their state licenses to "medicinal" based on the Schedule III Orders acceptance of Medicinal licenses ONLY. DCC did not require the licensees to wait for their renewal date to make a change, as previously required.

How can the same consideration be afforded those who had renewal dates earlier in the year and chose to have a limited operation, given the conditions at the time. Now that Schedule III is a consideration, those who were constrained by their renewal date don't have a path to rescind their limited status without DCC's changed policy re: changes at renewal only.

#1 request:

Allow limited operation licensees to rescind that status and participate in the Schedule III process if they so choose. As I read the current DCC policy, it currently could be possible to change the date of renewal to "now" and at that time rescind limited operation status for a full license status. If that can work, it must be an immediate option to allow for outdoor plant maturation. PLEASE discuss during the meeting.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

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