I write to comment on the draft Fiscal Estimate for IP 34.

I believe the estimate should be revised and the cost assumptions for the two-year development period of the measure be lowered substantially.

My understanding is that the initial estimate by the committee is built off of the costs to OHA based on the implementation of Measure 91. While I appreciate using recreational cannabis as a place to start in evaluating costs, comparing psilocybin therapy as proposed in IP 34 and Measure 91’s legalized marijuana structure is comparing apples and oranges.

Psilocybin therapy under IP 34 will not be sold at retail stores, there will be no public “products” to sell, because psilocybin will have to be consumed on site under supervision, there is no concern about packaging, child access, labeling, and more. Nearly all of the work that went into legalized marijuana will not be needed for psilocybin therapy.

I appreciate and support the OHA having the resources they need to properly implement IP 34, but 23 staff, over 19 FTE and $7 million appears to be overkill and miscommunicates to the public the costs associated with this measure.

I request you revise the two year development estimate down to a more reasonable number.

Sincerely,

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