

## **News Advisory**

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## Oregon and Washington's Top Marijuana Regulators in Conversation at 2019 Cannabis Collaborative Conference

## OLCC to Provide Program, Rules Updates at Portland Expo on January 23rd

**Portland, Oregon** – The top regulators from the Oregon Liquor Control Commission and the Washington State Liquor & Cannabis Board will reprise their conversation on the state of the legal cannabis industry in their respective states at the 2019 <u>Cannabis Collaborative Conference (CCC)</u>.

On **Wednesday, January 23, 2019** at **9 a.m**. at the **Portland Expo Center**, OLCC Executive Director Steve Marks, and WSLCB Director Rick Garza, will talk about the similar and different issues regulators are working on in Oregon and Washington.

Their conversation will be the keynote kick off for the <u>2019 CCC</u> and will include observations about testing standards and consumer safety, product demand, and the work to standardize regulations across state lines as more states legalize adult use cannabis.

OLCC policy staff will also be on <u>CCC panels</u> discussing: **OLCC Policies & Rules - Three Years in the Making, What's Next?, OLCC Compliance Updates, Regulations and Profitability: A Listening Session, Hemp Rules and Regulation Updates,** and **The Future of Enforcement**.

During both conference days - **Wednesday, January 23, and Thursday January 24** - policy experts from the OLCC and other state agencies including: <u>Oregon Health Authority</u>, <u>Oregon Department of Agriculture</u>, <u>Oregon Department of Revenue</u>, and <u>Oregon Water Resources Department</u> will be available to answer questions at the OLCC booth on the conference exhibit floor. Look for the state regulators at **Booth 125** at the southwest end of the exhibit floor.

For OLCC Marijuana Program licensees and medical marijuana registrants participating in the OMMP Marijuana Tracking program, the OLCC will present information sessions at the Portland Expo Center, in the <u>lobby of Building E</u> next door to the Cannabis Collaborative Conference covering **Recreational Marijuana Program and Rules** updates, a **Packaging and Labeling** program update, and an **OMMP Marijuana Tracking Program** update. Admission to the conference is NOT required to attend the OLCC programs.

**Register for the OLCC information sessions here** on the OLCC Eventbrite Registration page.