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OLCC kicks off marijuana “listening sessions” in Baker City and Pendleton

PORTLAND, Ore. – The Oregon Liquor Control Commission will host community listening sessions in Baker City and Pendleton on January 22 as the agency begins to implement the recreational marijuana law passed by voters in November. Other cities will be announced soon.

“We need to hear firsthand from local residents in Baker City, Pendleton and nearby communities,” said OLCC Chairman Rob Patridge. “Before we implement the law, we want to hear from you: what should marijuana regulation look like in your community?”

Patridge said the listening sessions are the first steps in a yearlong rulemaking process that will include monthly Commission meetings, rules advisory committee meetings and other opportunities to hear from the public.

“OLCC is committed to a transparent and inclusive public process to help us implement the law in a way that protects children, keeps our communities safe, and brings the recreational marijuana industry into the regulated market,” Patridge said.

Under the new law, possession of recreational marijuana becomes legal on July 1 of this year. The OLCC must begin accepting applications for commercial licenses next January, with retail stores to open by late 2016.

Learn more at <http://marijuana.oregon.gov>

Baker City Listening Session

Thursday, January 22, 11:30 a.m.
Baker City Armory
1640 Campbell Street
Baker City, OR 97814

Pendleton Listening Session

Thursday, January 22, 7:00 p.m.
Pendleton Convention Center
1601 Westgate
Pendleton, OR 97801

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