

# Portland's Green Light Law Group Launch Blog

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It is hard to keep up with the ever-changing regulatory and legal landscape in the industry, and our newsletter will help keep you more informed of important developments. We feel very lucky to have so many great clients and be working at a firm where we truly love what we do every day.

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## **ROHRBACHER-FARR AMENDMENT RENEWED**

Despite ominous threats of a federal government shutdown, Congressional lawmakers finally agreed last week to a spending bill that provides federal funding for the remainder of the fiscal year, which ends on September 30th. Amidst talks of a \$3 billion border wall, substantial budget cuts to federal government agencies like the EPA, and the Republicans' now-defunct attempt to repeal and replace Obamacare, it is hardly surprising that renewal of the Rohrabacher-Farr amendment managed to get lost in all the federal budget-related drama. Thankfully, and much to the relief of medical marijuana patients, advocates, and as the latest polls indicate, the majority of Americans, federal lawmakers decided to renew the Rohrabacher-Farr amendment under the new spending bill.

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## **PUFFING ON POT IN PUBLIC: OREGON LAWMAKERS CONSIDER EVENTS AND LOUNGES SENATE BILL 788**

While cannabis consumers across the country gathered to celebrate the highest of holidays last month—4/20—no legalized marijuana state permits public use, so any and all celebrations had to have occurred indoors and on private property. That might change soon in Oregon, as state lawmakers are considering legislation that would provide an exception to Oregon's existing prohibition on engaging in the use of marijuana products in public.

The bill, if enacted, would authorize the Oregon Liquor Control Commission to issue new "temporary event" and "cannabis lounge" licenses, with the OLCC responsible for promulgating regulations allowing for implementation of the proposed licensing regime. The law would permit the sale and consumption of marijuana products at authorized events, and the consumption—but not the sale—of marijuana products at cannabis lounges, provided the establishment obtains the appropriate OLCC license.

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