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I was troubled to find out there would be no public hearing on the proposed bill. The issues are too complicated, and too many people will be negatively affected by this bill.

Consider the following:

1. This proposed bill would undermine property rights, not just commercial lots, without due process.
2. There is no indication of any problems this bill will solve. While there is a mention of potential problems, there is no indication of any effort to quantify the extent of any problems.
3. The bill seems to favor cannabis business interests unfairly (note: I have no problem with a cannabis industry and am glad for all the jobs and revenue generated). The closest analogy is to benefit commercial bakeries by disallowing or limiting individuals the right to bake their own baked goods at home.
4. There is no good reason to undermine the intent of the voters as expressed in numerous votes, and there is no good reason to undermine the constitutional guarantees as enacted in Amendments 20 and 64. Denver voters also clearly expressed their intent when they both voted to legalize and to make enforcement of state cannabis laws the lowest law enforcement priority.

Therefore, I ask you to vote NO on this proposed bill. In the alternative, a public hearing should be scheduled. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Disclosure: I am on the Board of Directors for Colorado NORML; my belief is my fellow Board members are as disturbed as I.

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