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# Troutman Pepper Cannabis Communications Newsletter — March 19, 2024

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Troutman Pepper's Cannabis Practice helps clients throughout their business cycle enter or expand into the cannabis space. Our team combines the resources of attorneys in areas such as licensing and taxation, regulatory compliance, corporate and transactional, intellectual property, and real estate, among others, to provide comprehensive services.

Our Cannabis Practice provides advice on issues related to applicable federal and state law. Marijuana remains an illegal controlled substance under federal law.

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### REASSESSING OREGON'S DRUG POLICY: A SHIFT TOWARD RECRIMINALIZATION

By [Jean Smith-Gonnell](#) & [Cole White](#)

In the grand experiment of American democracy, it is often said that states serve as laboratories, testing policies that challenge the status quo without risking the stability of the whole. Oregon, known in recent years for its pioneering drug decriminalization laws, is at a crossroads that marks the end of a significant experiment. State legislators recently passed a bill aiming to [recriminalize the possession of small amounts of certain substances](#), a move now awaiting Democratic Governor Tina Kotek's approval. Last week, the governor announced that [she plans to sign the bill](#). The move toward recriminalization highlights a broader conversation on the re-evaluation of drug policy, public health, and social justice in a post war-on-drugs environment in the U.S.

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