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Post applauds Richardson's marijuana audit ***Startling audit reveals likely only 3 percent of pot shops have been inspected***

SALEM, Ore.—Oregon's marijuana regime has failed to maintain routine inspections with a weak testing system that threatens to expose Oregonians to contaminants. According to reports on Secretary of State Dennis Richardson's [audit released Wednesday](#), regulators have failed to adequately address black-market diversion. In response to the audit state Rep. Bill Post, R-Keizer, released the following statement:

“When the voters of Oregon made marijuana legal in 2014, I was and continue to be concerned with its implementation. It appears my concerns were valid. Our state is ill-equipped to manage the marijuana market and it is dangerous to our public health and safety. The information brought by Secretary of State Dennis Richardson's audits proves that political balance brings about accountability.”

Molly Harbinger and Noelle Crombie, with *The Oregonian*, [reported](#) the audit “represents the first detailed examination of Oregon's regulation of the legal cannabis market since voters said yes to legalization in 2014, when supporters promised that state oversight would rein in an industry that had flourished for decades in the underground market.”

“Oregon's marijuana testing program cannot ensure that test results are reliable and products are safe,” the audit says, adding that the Oregon Health Authority, which regulates marijuana testing labs, has “limited authority, inadequate staffing and inefficient processes.” And growers are identified in the audit as the most likely to deal marijuana on black-markets because of dropping sales. And they are permitted to self-report how much they grow and where it goes.”

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