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Community Comment

This is great news! 3 Bills, AB266,  
AB243 and AB643 are headed for  
Governor Jerry Brown's signature, Humboldt  
County Board of Supervisors have directed  
STAFF to come back with an ordinance  
regarding Medical Marijuana in compliance  
with state law, to be effective no later  
than March of 2016.

We are finally moving forward and  
at a rapid pace

~~If it seems like I'm excited~~  
about this, I am very excited about  
this.

For years we have complained and  
nauseum that there are no jobs here in  
Humboldt County. No Industry.

Logging and Fishing have gone the  
way of the dinosaur

And now, here is a not so new  
industry set to jump out from behind  
that old growth redwood tree into  
the mainstream

Believe it or not, with the passage of these new bills and recent ordinances, new opportunities will bring in much needed revenue to our cities and the County.

I recently attended the Responsible Farmers Community Meeting in Petrolia and was in awe over the support and the immense knowledge the farmers have regarding cultivation and environmental responsibility. These were not your average drop a seed and hope it grows type of farmer. They are well educated.

They also truly care about the environment. They are on top of industry trends and are looking to embrace the new rules and regulations. They want to do it right.

Now, farmers, dispensary owners, transporters and others will now have to start operating like a business.

They don't have to be a nonprofit. AB 266 now allows a for-profit status that will extend to individuals, partnerships, corporations, business trusts, etc. (under the definition of "person"). Likewise, applicants no longer need to be patients.

That means obtaining all of the necessary paperwork to become locally licensed first, then once approved can apply for a state license. \*

My advice, hire a lawyer and/or consultant who knows how to maneuver through this new process.

You now have to obtain business liability insurance, workers compensation insurance and transporters insurance if you're going to deliver.

Will this put an end to the black market? In my opinion, no it will not.

But, Cannabis will be the shot in the arm our County needs.

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~~Also, keep in mind, more questions will be asked and changes will be made.~~

~~Need money? With the right business plan, and some experience, there are literally hundreds of~~

~~venture capitalists ready to give the right person capital money to get started~~