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**Hearing set for medical marijuana updates**

House Majority Floor Leader **Jon Echols**, R-Oklahoma City, and state Rep. **Scott Fetgatter**, R-Okmulgee, have scheduled a hearing on Oklahoma's medical marijuana program on Dec. 14.

The lawmakers plan to invite speakers from the industry and Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority to present before legislative committee members. The hearing will be open to the public.

"We've seen tremendous growth in this industry in the two and a half years since Oklahomans legalized medical marijuana on a statewide ballot," Echols said. "An update from the industry and regulators about experiences to date and where we are headed is timely for policymakers as we continue working to implement the will of the people."

Fetgatter and Echols have authored several pieces of legislation to strengthen regulations around the medical marijuana industry in a manner consistent with the will of the people.

"Industry, patients and regulators are bringing many good ideas for updates and adjustments to statute after two years of operating under Oklahoma's first regulatory framework for medical marijuana. This hearing will give them and the public a chance to hear those ideas, and as policymakers a chance to start vetting them," Fetgatter said.

Oklahoma voters petitioned to place the legalization of medical marijuana on a statewide ballot and State Question 788 was approved in June 2018. Medical marijuana has since grown into a multimillion-dollar industry, with more than 300,000 licensed patients. More than 10,000 licensed businesses are either growing, testing or selling the substance in Oklahoma. The state question led to the establishment of the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority to regulate the industry.

The time and location of the hearing is to be determined.

—Staff report

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**Free workforce development training available**

Individuals whose job was affected negatively by COVID-19 may qualify to receive workforce development training free at [Metro Tech](#).

To be eligible, individuals must be over the age of 18 and a resident of Oklahoma City. Living expense assistance also may be available to those who

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**Love's donates \$1.7M to United Way in 2020**

Love's Travel Stops contributed a record \$1.7 million for the United Way of Central Oklahoma through its annual campaign.

Since 1999, Love's has donated more than \$7.5 million to the organization.

"The United Way campaign is one of our favorite campaigns each year because we are able to give back to our hometown," said **Shane Wharton**, president of Love's. "This year, the organization needed our help more than ever because of the impact COVID-19 has had on so many people, and our corporate employees stepped up in a big way."

For this year's campaign, money was raised for the United Way of Central Oklahoma by Love's corporate employees who pledged funds and participated in virtual auctions and raffles. Love's also matched employee contributions by 50%. Other components contributing to the total included vendor donations and donations earlier this year to the Urban League of Oklahoma City, among others.

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