



From the Desks of State Representatives Duane Stark (HD-4)
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House Bill 2936 Establishes sobering facility in state law

- Sometimes called “sobering centers”, “sobering stations” and “sobering services” – primarily 24-hour facilities which provide safe and clean environments where acutely intoxicated individuals are monitored until it is determined they are no longer intoxicated and it is safe for them to leave.
- Sobering facilities address a public safety need in the community as a more humane, safe and cost effective alternative to booking acutely intoxicated people into jail (on minor nuisance offenses) or standing in line at an already busy hospital emergency room (when medical care is often not needed).
- Sobering facilities are not considered detox or treatment programs and as such are not licensed by the state. They are not billable to the Oregon Health Plan or private insurance.
- Current 3 sobering facilities in Oregon – all connected to other buildings/services:
Buckley Detox- Eugene operated by Willamette Family Treatment Services (WFTS)
Moore Center -Medford operated by the Addictions Recovery Center (ARC)
Hooper Detox Center- Portland operated by Central City Concern (CCC)
- Grants Pass Sobering Center Project – non-profit group seeking to build up to 14-room facility, serving up to 1,000 people per month and ease the burden on other Southern Oregon providers.
- HB 2936 adds an important tool to the toolbox for law enforcement members seeking a compassionate solution to protect the safety of the community and the individual who is severely intoxicated.

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