

House Bill 2936

Establish Sobering Facilities in State Law

- **Sobering facilities provide safe and clean environments** where acutely intoxicated individuals are monitored until they're no longer intoxicated and it is safe for them to leave (less than 24-hours).
- **Sobering facilities offer a compassionate option to protect the safety of the community and the intoxicated individual.** These facilities are a more humane and cost effective alternative to jail beds or taking up space at busy hospital emergency rooms, especially in rural Oregon. Sober facilities are an important crisis service in Oregon's addictions treatment and mental health system.
- **HB 2936 requires sobering facilities to register with the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and meet several accountability measures.** They are required to contract with an addictions treatment program for training, consultation, and planning referrals. The bill gives law enforcement flexibility in dealing with intoxicated individuals and extends limited immunity to sober facilities.
- **There are currently three sobering facilities in Oregon:**
Buckley House- Eugene operated by Willamette Family Treatment Services
Moore Center -Medford operated by the Addictions Recovery Center
Hooper Detox Center- Portland operated by Central City Concern
- **New sober facilities coming online after January 1, 2016 would be limited to three.** OHA will study and report back to legislature in 2017 on outcomes. Organizations have expressed an interest in developing new sobering facilities in several rural counties.

SUPPORTERS FOR HB 2936 INCLUDE:



ASSOCIATION OF OREGON COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS

