



Bridgeway
Freedom Through Recovery

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To: House Judiciary Committee

From: Tim Murphy
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Re: HB 2175
HB 2176

Board of Directors

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James "Doc" Campbell
Doug Cox
Dennis Dickinson
Sean Riesterer
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Tim Murphy
Chief Executive Officer

My name is Tim Murphy and I am the Chief Executive Officer for Bridgeway Recovery Services, a mental health and chemical dependency clinic located in Salem, Oregon.

While Bridgeway offers a full range of medical services for those suffering from symptoms of addiction or chemical dependency we do not offer a "Sobering Service".

Sobering stations offer a different service than Medically Managed Withdrawal or Detox services that require medical supervision and treatment.

A Sobering station is a place for those currently intoxicated under the influence of alcohol or drugs to rest until the symptoms of intoxication pass. Too often in both Marion and Polk County these individuals are taken to hospital emergency departments or county jails, which are both ill equipped to manage these individuals. Sobering stations, when staffed appropriately with trained staff, can offer both comfort and support along with treatment referrals to those who receive care.

With a sobering station in our community we would expect to see relief on the hospital Emergency Department and local jail. I urge you to support SB 2175 and 2176.

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Restoring Lives
by Taking Control
of Addiction

Respectfully submitted,



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