

My name is Sarah Hill, and I am writing in support and favor of SB755. I am a person who has struggled with addiction in the past and sought the help and support of a drug and alcohol treatment facility. I can tell you that my struggle with addiction had nothing to do with my drug of choice but with an inability to manage my mental health needs at the time.

Unbeknownst to me, my life was forever changed for the better in the spring of 2008 when I entered drug and alcohol treatment. At that time, I was unemployed and in between housing. I was ashamed of who I was as my addiction had clouded my moral judgment and, I was making choices that had negative impacts on society. Today, 12 years later, I am free from my addiction and live by the foundational principles I learned during my treatment stay.

I firmly believe that addiction is fueling many of our state's serious problems like houselessness and poverty. The current pandemic and economic challenges have shed light on the seriousness of the situation. I believe that lawmakers must ensure that the law is fully funded without delay. Will you uphold this law that voters voted on?

Thank you,
Sincerely,
Sarah Hill
Multnomah County