



## **STATEMENT SUPPORTING HB 2376** ***(PROTECTING OREGONIANS FROM OPIOID OVERDOSES)***

**To:** House Committee on Health Care  
**From:** Michael Selvaggio, Oregon Coalition of Police and Sheriffs  
**Date:** March 24, 2021

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Chair Prusak and Members of the Committee:

For the record, my name is Michael Selvaggio, representing the Oregon Coalition of Police and Sheriffs (ORCOPS). I want to express ORCOPS' support of House Bill 2376, which can protect more Oregonians from the fatal harms of an opioid overdose.

Our members and other first responders have seen firsthand – and continue to see – the devastating effects of the opioid epidemic on our communities. House Bill 2376 will allow our state to take a significant step forward in tackling the opioid epidemic by ensuring that more individuals at risk of opioid-related overdoses can access potentially life-saving medications, such as naloxone.

To prevent more fatal overdose deaths across our state, ORCOPS believes that we should do more to improve the access, awareness, and availability of potentially lifesaving opioid overdose reversal medications like naloxone.

As we fight against the opioid epidemic, we should not lose sight of the lives and individuals who have been affected; if there are steps we can take to save lives, we should.

Thank you.