

Chair Prozanski and other members of the Judiciary committee,

My name is Tony Vezina, I am a person in long-term recovery from addiction and I have been abstinent from all drugs and alcohol for nearly ten years. I am currently the ED of 4D Recovery, an organization providing recovery services to young people throughout the tri-counties, and the Chair of the States Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission.

In my ten years of sobriety, I have accomplished many things, including student presidency of portland community college, founding many non-profits, shaping policy, and becoming a father my children can be proud of. None of this would have been possible without interventions and long-term recovery supports similar to those Measure 110 is about to fund throughout the state of Oregon.

While Ballot Measure 110 is not the silver bullet to solving Oregon's addiction crisis, it is a step in the right direction as it will provide funding to the long-term recovery services that will reduce the hemorrhaging of the addiction crisis Oregon is experiencing right now.

SB 1541 seeks to address an important issue in regulating the marijuana industry and I have no opposition to that. My testimony today is to oppose funding it with marijuana money that is earmarked for the resourcing of BM 110.

Starting in March, BM 110 will provide life-saving recovery services during a time when it is needed more than ever. According to recent epidemiological reports, Oregon is ranking #2 in addiction and last in access to treatment, with drug overdoses increasing 30% in 2020 and alcohol-related deaths increasing 70% during the same time period.

It is also fiscally sound to invest in recovery services when each dollar invested saves \$7 in associated costs. According to the Alcohol and Drug Policy Commissions Strategic Plan, we spent 6 billion dollars a year in burden spending related to substance use - these are related costs of not treating the problem, for example, health care, child welfare, criminal justice, and loss of economic productivity.

M110 funding will help curve the rise of these costs by providing a myriad of recovery services to each and every county in the State of Oregon.

What we know is that when people recover, the community recovers.

Please remove Marijuana Tax Revenue from SB 1541 and allow M110 to inject the recovery services our communities desperately need.

Thank you,