

Dear Co-Chairs Lieber and Kropf, and members of the Joint Interim Committee On Addiction and Community Safety Response:

In September, Oregon Recovers released its Emergency 12-Step Plan To End Oregon's Addiction Crisis. The goals of the Plan are to:

- 1) Reduce Fatal Drug Overdoses by 50% within one year.
- 2) Reduce Alcohol-Related Deaths by 50% within one year.
- 3) Eliminate Detox, Residential Treatment & Recovery Housing wait lists within six months.

The plan calls for a coordinated response to the addiction crisis, and sets forth a roadmap for saving lives. Key features include mobilization of emergency detox and respite centers, creating immediate access to care, growing recovery housing, increasing utilization of medication assisted treatment, and amending, not ending, Measure 110 to encourage recovery. The Plan also calls for linking revenue generated by alcohol taxes and surcharges to funding for lifesaving treatment and recovery services.

I respectfully urge you to support the Oregon Recovers Emergency 12-Step Plan. Plan features can be included in legislation to be introduced in the 2024 legislative session.

Oregon has the second highest substance use disorder rate in the country, and we rank 50th in access to treatment. Alcohol kills 6 Oregonians per day, unintentional drug overdoses kill another 3, and Oregon has a 49% gap in substance use disorder services statewide. We need decisive action and bold solutions to solve Oregon's deadly addiction crisis.

Please support Oregon Recovers' Emergency 12-Step Plan To End Oregon's Addiction Crisis.

Thank you.

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