



# BRIDGES *to change*

To: Members of the House Committee on Revenue  
From: Monta Knudson, executive director, Bridges to Change  
Date: February 8, 2023  
Re: Opposition to HB 2089

Bridges to Change is a non-profit organization that provides substance use and mental health treatment, transitional and permanent housing, and mentoring services for individuals in Clackamas, Multnomah, Wasco, and Washington counties.

HB 2089 is the wrong way to go and threatens the implementation of Measure 110 just as it is getting started. HB 2089 would significantly decrease the funding for addiction services that providers have already been granted just as new programs are getting stood up. This is unconscionable for the people in crisis who are desperately seeking services, providers who are hiring staff and opening new programs to meet that need, and goes against the will of the voters who continue to support Measure 110's public health approach to substance use in Oregon.

Governor Kotek, and lawmakers across party lines committed at the beginning of this session to double down on addressing Oregon's addiction and houseless crisis. Proposing to cut those very services doesn't show a true commitment to their promise to treat this crisis with the urgency it requires.

With Measure 110 funds we will be able to add over 200 new housing beds in several counties as well as hire additional staff to continue our mission in the community. These access beds allow our team to work with people to get them into treatment, access harm reduction services. This is imperative to addressing the needs out there.

Bridges to Change urges you to preserve the integrity of Measure 110 by not devastating the voter approved funding, which have already established services and are serving tens of thousands of people across Oregon already.