



**Submitted to the Senate Committee on Healthcare  
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Testimony Regarding HB 2513**

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Chair Patterson, Vice-Chair Hayden, and members of the committee,

Partnership for Safety & Justice advocates for public safety and criminal justice policies that ensure accountability, equity, and healing for people convicted of crime, crime survivors, and the families and communities of both. For over 20 years, our work has promoted public safety with policies that keep families together, reduce racial disparities, and invest in communities across Oregon.

Measure 110 made Oregon the first state to shift from a punitive response to drug use, which has always landed most heavily on people of color and low-income communities, to a health-centered solution. Essential to that transition were both an end to the criminalization of addiction and the provision of treatment, harm reduction, and overdose prevention services.

Partnership for Safety & Justice was an advocate for the passage of Measure 110 in 2020, and we remain supportive and committed to its success today. It is important to note that support services and programs are now being established and expanded through Oregon's Behavioral Health Resource Networks across the state. Many of the recipients provide culturally specific and other services, such as housing stability and peer support, that are essential but have always been underfunded in Oregon.

We are grateful for the work done to strengthen the services and shift to health-centered policies that were made possible by Oregon voters when they overwhelmingly passed Measure 110, and we strongly support HB 2513.

HB 2513 will continue to improve the rollout of this life-saving program, and we commend the work of Representative Nosse in moving this bill forward.

Partnership for Safety & Justice appreciates your attention to this important matter.