

Submitter: Sophia Nguyen

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Addiction and Community Safety Response

Measure: HB4002

Chairs Lieber and Kropf, members of the Committee, my name is Sophia Nguyen and I am a student from Portland, Oregon and a part of the Youth Action Team at NEXT UP Oregon.

As a young student, I believe that HB 4002 is an inadequate and harmful approach that will not solve our addictions crisis and will instead waste taxpayer dollars. HB 4002 will inflict more government harm and violence on Black and brown communities. . As someone who is passionate about racial equity and moving towards an antiracist society, letting this measure pass will have black and brown Oregonians be arrested at higher rates and most likely face incarceration and harsher sentencing. This is not what the State of Oregon should be trying to move towards, so please oppose this measure.

Thank you so much for your time.