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I used to feel safe to visit places like Riverside Park in Grants Pass, Oregon, but not anymore. Oregon's parks and city streets are completely overrun with Drug use. This is not fair to Oregon's true residents and families as our children and grandchildren can no longer be safe to use our parks without fear of watching people do drugs or stepping on needles. I believe Measure 110 is the culprit. It has done nothing to solve problems, but has done everything to attract them here. Not holding people accountable for public drug use only tells them it's ok and attracts more of it. Law enforcement's hands are tied and it's time to stop the nonsense and begin making public use illegal with accountability.

This bill changes enforcement to a Class A misdemeanor , which is the same as a DUI with mandatory treatment to avoid prison. This strengthens the Democrat bill that calls for a Class C misdemeanor, which isn't effective with a \$100 fine that is rarely paid.