

Submitter: Douglas Kelso

On Behalf Of: Addiction cannot be solved by police or prisons

Committee: Joint Committee On Addiction and Community Safety Response

Measure: HB4002

I urge you to vote "no" on HB 4002. The voters of Oregon voted for Measure 110, to decriminalize possession of small amounts of controlled substances. We knew what we were doing. As elected representatives, you should respect our decision.

Addiction is a health problem that requires doctors, educators, and counselors. Addiction cannot be solved by police or prisons. The legislature needs to steer all available resources to help people with drug addiction, not to punish them.