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Committee: Joint Committee On Addiction and Community Safety Response

Measure: HB4002

I urge the Legislature to oppose HB 4002. We don't need more studies, we need action. Oregon is suffering from a drug crisis which is doing great harm to our communities, and is ruining lives. I am concerned about this issue specifically from my perspective as an Economic Development professional. The ability of communities in Oregon to attract new business investment and the new jobs that we need depends in part on what kind of place we are. As i watch businesses and residents wary of conditions in their communities deteriorate, we risk losing the talent and tax base we enjoy, and we will deter others from coming here to build businesses and create new economic opportunities. Please take action to make it hard for people to use drugs in our communities; and please DON'T approve more studies. We can't wait for another study to be done before taking action such as SB 1555 and HB 1436. Thanks