

Submitter: Anne S Wagner

On Behalf Of: Treatment beds not jail beds

Committee: Joint Committee On Addiction and Community Safety Response

Measure: HB4002

"I strongly oppose HB 4002 for embracing a criminalization approach.

Just like the hundreds of Oregonians who submitted statements previously, I strongly urge lawmakers to follow the evidence: decades of the failed war on drugs.

I've heard legislators call HB 4002 a treatment-first approach, but the bill as written will send people struggling with addiction to jail and saddle them with criminal records. It fails to meet the tremendous need for detox and treatment services across our state."