



Disability  
Rights  
Oregon

TO: Joint Committee On Addiction and Community Safety Response  
FROM: Disability Rights Oregon  
DATE: February 3, 2025  
RE: Support for HB 3009

Chair Prozanski and Vice-Chair Kropf,

Disability Rights Oregon supported the legislation that created the “Oregon Jail-Based Medications for Opioid Use Disorder Grant Program,” and we are optimistic that the funds from that program will reap great benefits in our community.

Similarly, we support HB 3009 that extends the definition of a “local correctional facility” to include individuals who are being supervised outside jails and prisons. It is very important that opioid treatment occurs at every level of both the mental health and incarceration systems. We believe that this bill will allow the grant program to move closer towards providing the treatment that these individuals need while transitioning to their home after incarceration. That transition from jail or prison into the community might be the time in which they are most vulnerable to relapse, and therefore the time in which it is most important to provide the service and support for addiction relapse prevention.

We ask for your support of HB 3009.

#### About Disability Rights Oregon

Since 1977 Disability Rights Oregon has been the State's Protection and Advocacy System.<sup>1</sup> We are authorized by Congress to protect, advocate, and enforce the rights of people with disabilities under the U.S. Constitution and Federal and State laws, investigate abuse and neglect of people with disabilities, and “pursue administrative, legal, and other appropriate remedies”.<sup>2</sup> We are also mandated to “educate policymakers” on matters related to people with disabilities.<sup>3</sup>

If you have any questions regarding DRO’s position on this legislation, please contact Ben Gurewitz via email: [bgurewitz@droregon.org](mailto:bgurewitz@droregon.org).

Sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> See ORS 192.517.

<sup>2</sup> See 42 U.S.C. § 15041 et seq; 42 U.S.C. § 10801 et seq.

<sup>3</sup> See 42 U.S. Code § 15043(a)(2)(L).

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