

Support Senate Bill 1583

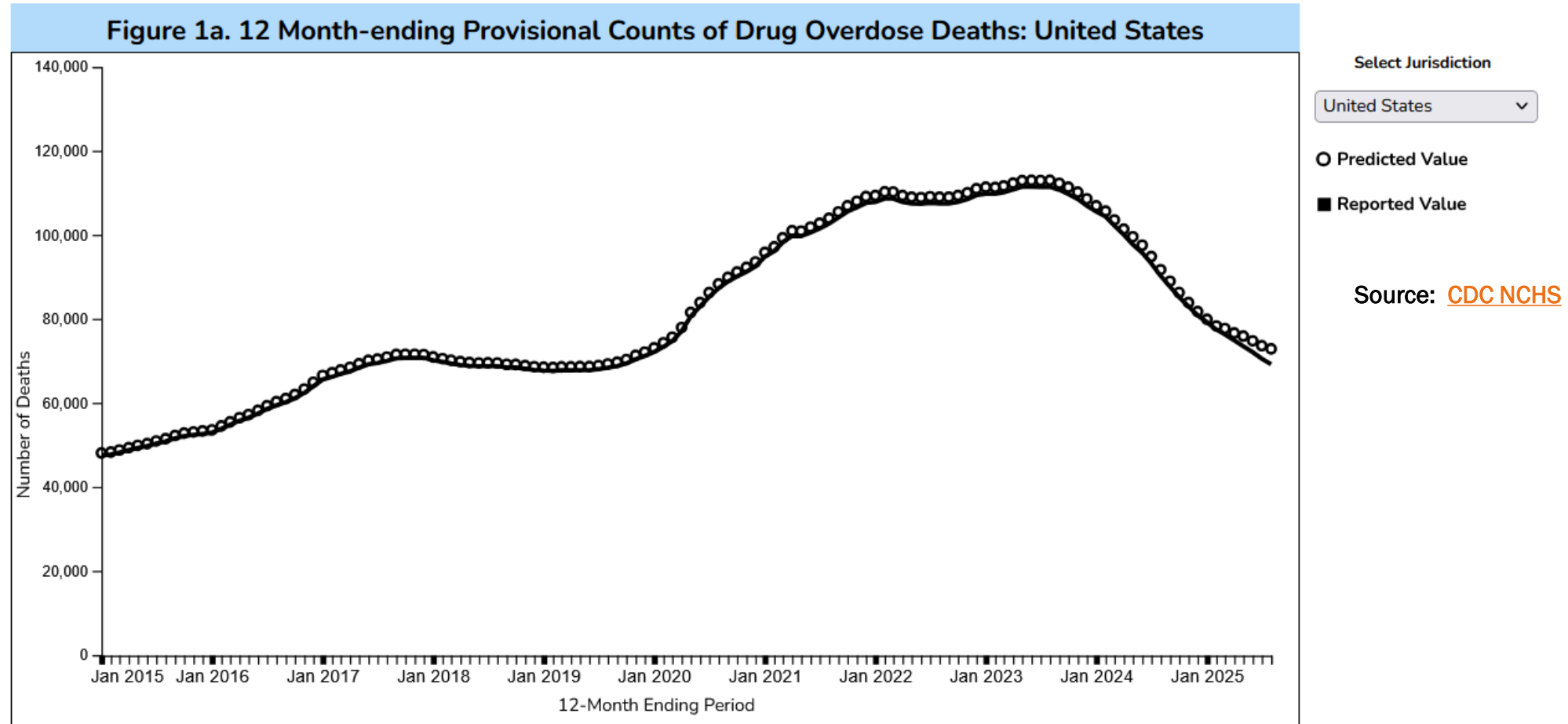
Especially Now

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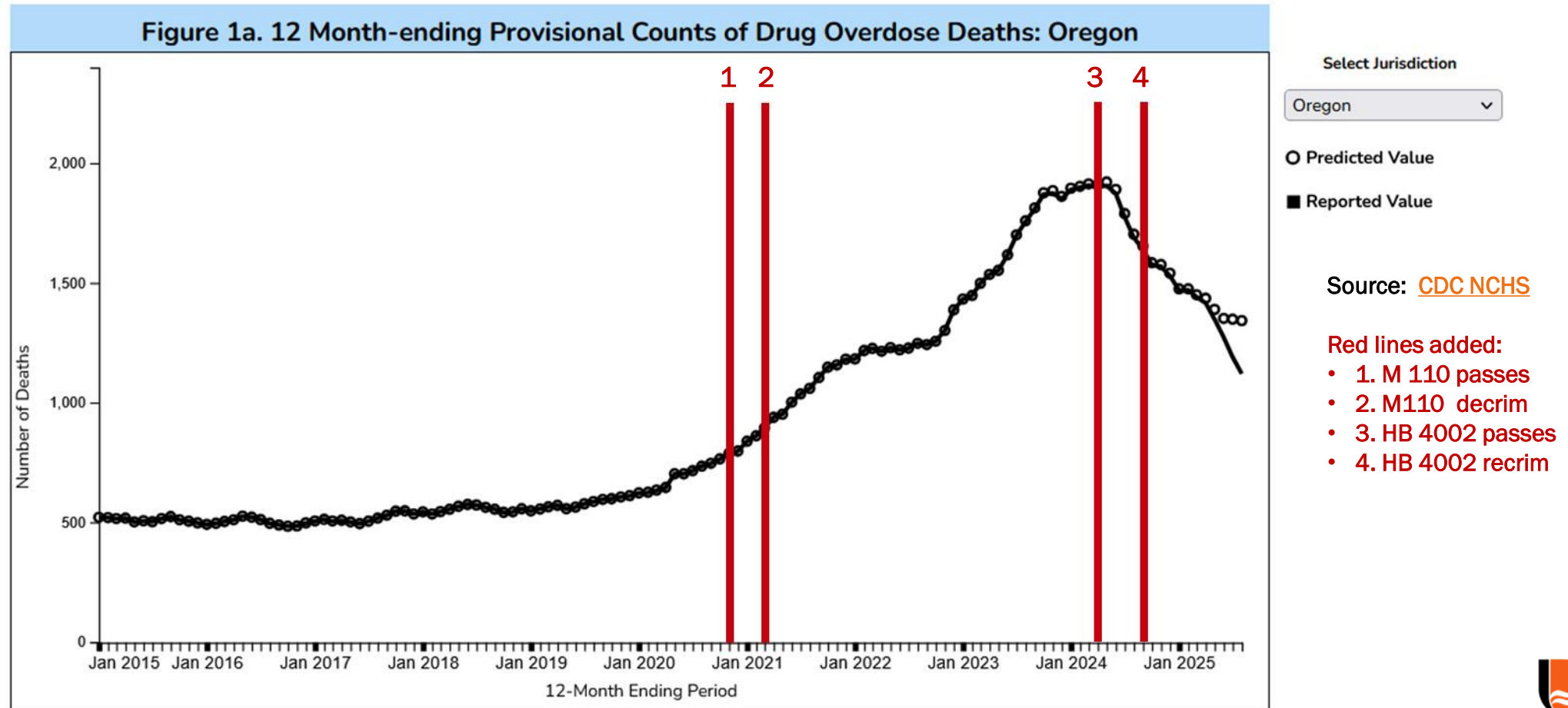
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There is much debate about why . . .

- Did the Illicit Fentanyl Trade Experience a Supply Shock?
Science (1/8/26)
- “Shock” in Fentanyl Supply Leads to Dramatic Drop in Deaths
Psychology Today (1/14/26)
- The Real Reason for the Drop in Fentanyl Overdoses
The Atlantic (1/20/25)
- Why Fentanyl Deaths are Falling
The Free Press (1/23/26)

But the end result is the same . . .

- Less death, and a golden opportunity:
 - “When their supply dries up, some people get off drugs; now is a great time to help them.”
 - “If we want to lock in the unexpected windfall from the drought, now is the time to focus on getting people clean.”

- Charles Fain Lehman, [The Real Reason for the Drop in Fentanyl Overdoses](#) *The Atlantic* (1/20/26)

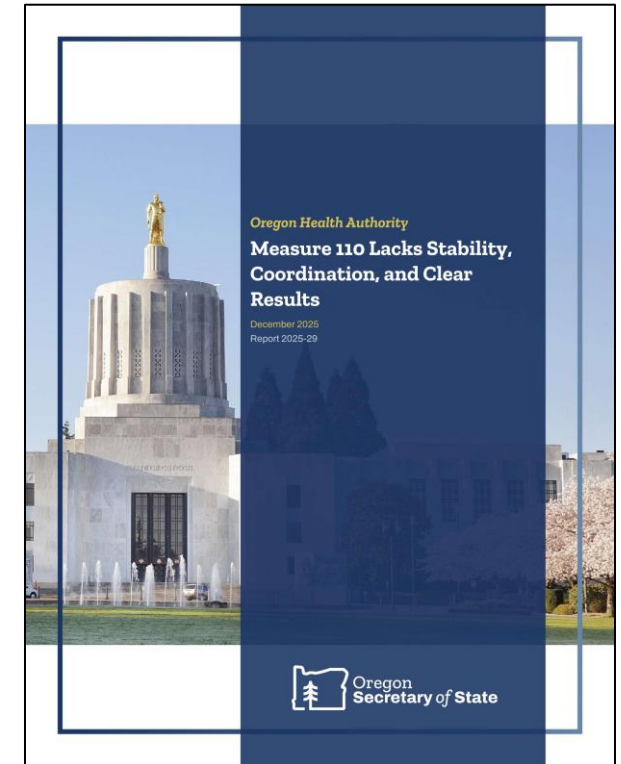
Standing in the way . . .

- ‘Enough is enough’: Oregon’s Secretary of State demands accountability for the state’s failed addiction response

The Oregonian (12/17/25)

- Measure 110 Lacks Stability, Coordination, and Clear Results

**Oregon Secretary of State
Audit Report 2025-29 (12/17/25)**



A Golden Opportunity . . .

- **Senate Bill 1583**
 - Requires BHRN funding go to prevention, enforcement, treatment, recovery support, harm reduction, and community harm reduction programs that actually work
 - Ensures local control – because resources and needs vary
 - “If you’ve seen one Oregon county, you’ve seen one Oregon county.”
 - Provides accountability
 - Deserves your strong support



Questions? Comments?



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