

Submitter:

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On Behalf Of:

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SB1583

I am writing in opposition to SB 1583. This bill would destabilize the systems of care built under Measure 110 by shifting oversight and funding in a way that disrupts treatment, recovery, harm reduction, and deflection services. Providers and communities have spent years building capacity and trust. Abrupt structural changes make it harder to deliver consistent care and risk leaving people without the services they need. I am currently the Lead Addiction and recovery Counselor for Bridges to Change Washington county office. If this bill were to pass it would make all of the progress we have made in the last 5 years come to a halt. We have been working tirelessly as a company to address all of the service gaps without making things punitive for our clients. Our current treatment outcome for clients are better than they have ever been. Oregon should focus on strengthening existing programs and improving data systems — not creating instability through major governance shifts. I urge you to oppose SB 1583.

Thank you for considering my testimony. I am available for more information if needed.

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