

Written Testimony in Opposition to SB 1583

Chair and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary,

I am writing in opposition to SB 1583.

Measure 110 has allowed Oregon to begin building a health-based response to substance use through peer-led, recovery-oriented, and community-based services. Over the past several years, providers and communities have developed systems that are demonstrating positive outcomes by prioritizing voluntary engagement, stabilization, and continuity of care.

SB 1583 would significantly restructure Measure 110 oversight and funding in ways that risk destabilizing these efforts. Shifting governance away from a health-centered framework creates uncertainty for treatment access, peer support, recovery navigation, and reentry-related services that rely on coordination and consistency.

At a time when Oregon continues to face significant behavioral health needs, the focus should be on strengthening and refining systems that are producing positive results, while also allowing room for additional qualified, community-based organizations to contribute depth, cultural responsiveness, and expanded capacity. Major governance changes threaten both current effectiveness and future growth.

In my work supporting individuals impacted by substance use and system involvement, I have seen how trust, consistency, and non-punitive engagement are essential to recovery and long-term stability. Disruptions to proven or emerging service pathways risk leaving people without support during critical moments.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Committee to oppose SB 1583.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,
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