

Submitter:

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My name is Kevin Riley and I am a peer support specialist working in harm reduction in Klamath County. I am also a person in recovery. In my role as a provider, I work directly with people who have been historically disconnected from care — meeting them where they are, building trust, and helping them access services that support safety, stability, and long-term recovery. Measure 110 has allowed our community to expand these connections, reduce barriers to care, and respond to substance use as a public health issue rather than a criminal one. In Klamath County, I have seen Measure 110 services help people stabilize, re-engage with treatment, and begin rebuilding their lives, strengthening both individuals and the broader community.

For people facing addiction or actively working to maintain recovery, overlooking harm reduction organizations would be damaging — these programs are often the first and most consistent point of contact, and they play a critical role in keeping people alive, engaged, and connected to care. Because I have seen both personally and professionally how consistent access to these services saves lives, stability in funding and systems of care matters deeply to me.

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. 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.

Kevin Riley