

Submitter: Gabrielle Yelland
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1583

Dear Chair and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary,

My name is Gabrielle and I am a medical social worker in Portland. 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. As a social worker, I know how vital this trusting relationship is to recovery and to laying the foundation for long-term supports and success. Abrupt structural changes make it harder to deliver consistent care and risk leaving people without the services they need, and would greatly diminish the capability of building a trusting relationship and supporting long-term recovery.

Oregon should focus on strengthening existing programs, nurturing client relationships, and improving data systems — not creating instability through major governance shifts and disrupting client trust in the process. I urge you to oppose SB 1583.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Sincerely yours,

Gabrielle Yelland, LCSW