

Submitter:

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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

Senate Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

SB1583

Chair and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary,

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.

As a former provider of social services in Corvallis, I've seen the harm that comes from sudden, major funding cuts to these vital resources. Treatment programs across the state have been struggling to keep up with cuts at the federal level, making Measure 110 funding more important than ever to keep them afloat. We already have less capacity in treatment services than is necessary to address the overdose crisis in our state, and if this legislation is passed, the consequences will be severe. People will die.

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.