

Submitter: Chase Murray

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.

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. This is not to say that the system is working. I urge that the effects to address the situation be directed towards collaboration, community partnerships, and a focus on peer run occurring behavioral health organizations that create safety and security with participants. A full transfer of the program will cause disruptions of care needed for our affect population.

Thank you for considering my testimony.