

February 4th, 2026

Oregon Chair and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary,

I am requesting you consider opposition to SB 1583. This bill may have disastrous effects on our communities. The restructuring and carceral oversight of Measure 110 funding puts our communities at risk. To acknowledge addiction as a disease, while entangling treatment services with the criminal justice system is insincere, contrary to the interest of Measure 110 voters, and does not align with the moral principles of our state.

Senate Bill 1583 endangers Measure 110, sabotages its development, and puts our community at risk

Measure 110 has gone through repeated revisions since its establishment only 6 years ago. As a new law, it is not without gaps. Its associated services have been continually destabilized and disempowered by frequent and continual legal revisions. Measure 110 has continued to positively impact the community despite these disruptions. I have seen firsthand, as a Peer Support Specialist, the ways in which Measure 110 funding has transformed lives. Measure 110 has allowed me to empower individuals in their recovery. SB 1583 may disrupt the very core of my work. This bill will undermine the ability for Measure 110 to stabilize, strengthen, and develop. Sanctioning the OAC to continue to reconstruct and ameliorate new policies and associated grant programs may provide Oregon with the opportunity to serve as a pioneer in establishing an effective, compassionate approach to addiction treatment.

The Criminal Justice Commission should not be leading a matter of public health, which they are not equipped to manage

Oregonians voted for a measure which would establish a humane approach to addiction. This is not in accord with SB 1583, allowing addiction services to be governed by the prison-industrial complex; This is not what citizens voted for. Further entanglement of addiction and carceral

systems puts our community at risk. Addiction is a disease of the brain, and although this has been widely acknowledged as factual within our society, government policies have continued to be treated as a criminal matter. Measure 110 deepens the tethering of the disease of addiction to the carceral system. Addiction is best addressed as a subject of public health. The criminal justice system is ill equipped to govern these services.

Today I ask you to consider the lives of our community members. I ask you to consider my work and firsthand, lived experience. I ask you to consider what addiction is. Lastly, I ask you to continue Oregon values and how your decision today reflects such.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dakota Easbey". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Dakota" and last name "Easbey" clearly legible.

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