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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Early Childhood and Behavioral Health

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1573

I oppose SB 1573. I work in addiction medicine and the belief that harm reduction programs encourage use of illicit substances is false. Having increased access to addiction services leads to an increase in engagement in substance use disorder treatment. It is important to have these services available throughout our communities so that people who are suffering from substance use can take part in harm reduction strategies and know where to go when they are seeking help when they are ready for it.