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TO: House Committee on Health Care
RE: SB 910, relating to drug treatment

Chair Salinas and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for hearing SB 910. Lane County is in support of this measure and asks the Committee to adopt the -A8, -A9, and the -A10 amendments to this measure.

Importantly, this measure creates additional access to Naloxone, an important tool for public safety professionals and the public at large as opioid overdoses occur all too often. This drug is able to be quickly and easily administered and has proven to be very effective in stopping overdose events. In terms of Naloxone, the base bill and the amendments will:

- Require pharmacies to post information regarding how easy it is for anyone to receive a Naloxone kit directly from a pharmacy without a doctor's prescription.
- Make it an option for pharmacists to inform their customers who are filling certain opioid prescriptions that they can get a Naloxone kit at the same time.
- Make the information regarding a Naloxone kit prescription exempt from public records inquiries.

Lane County further supports the language in this measure which will provide a county or local board of health waiver authority when applying the so-termed "1000 foot rule" for siting of methadone clinics. Specifically, Lane County seeks the option to implement in-jail medically assisted treatment for incarcerated individuals, and with our jail being located adjacent to downtown Eugene and within two city blocks of a day care center, this language is necessary for that facility to move forward with this important function.

We urge the Committee to move the amended bill to the floor of the House with a DO PASS recommendation.

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