

SUPPORT FOR SB 755

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Dear Chair Prozanski, and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110 Implementation:

My name is Tori Reifschneider, I am a law student at Lewis & Clark Law School. I am writing in support of Senate Bill 755.

Through my education and experiences, I have become a zealous advocate of a health-based approach to addiction issues. I think it is vital that we address the racial and economic disparities that have resulted from the War on Drugs. Those from marginalized communities have been criminalized for drugs disproportionately for far too long.

Senate Bill 755 will increase access to low-barrier, culturally-responsible treatment, recovery, housing and harm-reduction services to those who need and want it. This is a necessary step in preventing suffering and being proactive about addiction and recovery services in Oregon. Implementation through immediate funding with SB 755 is essential to continuing the work to improve the quality of life of the people of Oregon—especially people of color.

I urge you to pass SB 755 for funding for addiction recovery.

Thank you,

Tori Reifschneider