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House Judiciary.... my 1st Testimony to your committee.

I am just a old boring country boy (never smoked , drugged) did very little drinking alcohol as even as a young kid observing others... it seemed to have very little positive social appeal.

Yep people have fun with it, I get it. But chemical influence while done in moderation by many, has certainly had a exacting effect on others in society. I was in a small town , we had 300 kids in 1st-12th grade. When I was in 6th grade Pot and some White Drugs were being promoted as fun. 1st of any drug I seen was on the playground at the Elementary school... horse pills that looked like good and plenty candy... I picked them up and took them to the Principle (who got instant anger). we talked I told him why I brought them to him and he thanked me. By 8th grade I seen a few classmates were stealing for some pot money...Crimes grew with introduction of meth :(

Many times I have seen damage done because of recreational drugs and alcohol. and No one knows it better than a 1st responder, especially police.

fentanyl is the killer on our streets today...and where Pot is ok for some... the Drug Cartels traffic in it and human trafficking. Because Oregon is weak on law and even defunded police in time of rioting... the Cartels have brought Slavery to Oregon. Bad enough gangs in inner cities are and have been so destructive in society...

Drugs run the streets of Portland... drug runners use stolen cars... Portland is the talk of the Nation, because of the hopelessness and violence in the streets. Much of it caused by drug abuse.

\$500 Million + to earth quake proof the capitol... and in 2020 with a \$500 Million surplus the Legislature gave \$21 Million to seek out Slave camps in Oregon.

Oregon should do better than to continue down this destructive road. (pass this Bill).