



HB 2089 Testimony on behalf of AOC- Association of Oregon Counties

House Revenue Committee

February 8, 2023

Dear Chair Nathanson, Vice Chair Reschke and Walters and members of the House Revenue Committee:

My name is Derrick DeGroot and I am the President of Association of Oregon Counties. I am happy to be with you today to express our strong support of HB 2089. The AOC Legislative Committee and Governance Revenue and Veterans subcommittee voted in favor of supporting HB 2089 on Monday Feb 6, 2023.

As the committee is aware, counties lost a substantial amount of money since the passing of Measure 110. This money is crucial for counties to control the illegal marijuana market. The Legislative Revenue Office has developed excellent materials to show the extent of the loss.

The opponents of the measure are understandably concerned that any change in the M110 distribution formula would impact their good work on substance abuse.

However, the LRO analysis shows that the marijuana fund overall is in a very healthy position and it will continue to receive money above the cap.

HB 2089 changes the distribution slightly and will result in little impact on the current recipients of Measure 110 **but will make up some of the lost revenues for the counties, cities and state police.**

In short, this is a reasonable and balanced approach that should be supported.

Thank you.

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