

Submitter: Malia Jensen  
On Behalf Of: Portland residents  
Committee: House Committee On Revenue  
Measure: HB2089

Respectfully,

I have recently become a PCP for the Multnomah County Democrats and this evening in our monthly meeting we learned of the appalling House Bill 289 intended to redirect funding allocated for addiction and mental health services instead towards police budgets. The short-sightedness here is incredible. Oregon has ranked dead last in national funding for mental health and addiction services and the results are clearly visible in the streets of Portland and back roads of our rural communities and neighboring states. Increasing police budgets at the expense of addiction and mental health services will not fix this. I strongly urge you to vote in opposition to House Bill 289.

Thank you, Malia Jensen