



OREGON ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS DIRECTORS

The Oregon Association of Community Corrections Directors Supports HB 2645A

Community Corrections professionals have worked with these populations for a long time
Before Ballot Measure 110, people adjudicated for possession of controlled substances were typically referred to community corrections for supervision, assessment, case planning, support and any necessary treatment.

3 years have shown us BM 110 is not working for many Oregon communities

Today, the E Violations introduced in BM 110 have replaced the justice system response to drug possession and addiction with an expectation that health care systems engage people struggling with drug addiction. Oregon is one of the lowest ranked states in the nation for access to substance abuse and mental health treatment services.

Fentanyl is killing people across Oregon

Fentanyl is more addictive, more lethal, and easier to get than other drugs. Overdoses are up nearly 500% and people are more resistant to treatment. People receiving these Class E Violations through the police citation process and associated instructional follow-up are not engaging with treatment services as voters originally intended when they passed BM 110.

2645A provides a middle ground with evidence-based practices

- Makes possession with intent to sell a misdemeanor, bringing back consequences for people who intentionally distribute potentially fatal drugs in Oregon communities.
- Brings fentanyl in line with other controlled substances with respect to offense level, allowing community corrections professionals to incentivize treatment and provide accountability measures without inflicting the collateral consequences of a felony on individuals.
- Creates a clearer pathway to identifying and addressing sources of supply in our communities by distinguishing between low impact and high impact drug dealers.
- Restores critical penalties proven to deter individuals who profit from the addictions of others, and incentivizes low level dealers to cooperate with law enforcement.

We need a multi-pronged approach to the drug epidemic that addresses both addiction and supply

These changes to HB2645A recognize a more balanced approach to the drug epidemic plaguing our state. With this bill, we can address addiction through treatment, drug courts, diversion, prevention, education, and more while dismantling access to supply by seeking harsh consequences for individuals seeking to profit off of the addictions and deaths of Oregonians.

Community Corrections agencies are ready and prepared to meet these needs in our communities

Community Corrections agencies have been implementing evidence-based programming and addiction supports for many years in Oregon. The 36 counties have a strong legacy of collaboration and problem-solving to address these issues, with proven success.

Individuals deemed medium or high risk engage in treatment approximately 30% of the time when they are on supervision ([Department of Corrections data](#)) compared to approximately 1% or less under the current BM 110 structure of E Violations ([Oregon Judicial Department data](#)). Additionally, approximately 85% of individuals who receive a BM 110 Class E Violation failed to appear.

It is critical that people sentenced to community corrections are defined as state funded cases

Funding community corrections cases appropriately ensures that the necessary programming and services are available to support these individuals on their recovery journey.

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