



The Health Justice Recovery Alliance’s coalition, consisting of more than 75 organizations from across the state, is writing with an urgent request: to please identify an alternate funding source for HB 3431. **This bill, as currently written, would cut Measure 110 funds by half.** Already, as many as 60,000 Oregonians have received lifesaving services thanks to the services funded by Measure 110.

The Health Justice Recovery Alliance has always supported and continues to support ongoing funding for the Economic Equity Investment Program. Identifying a source of funding other than Measure 110 would benefit both programs, and ultimately the communities we serve.

Measure 110 providers are already facing a 25% cut in funding for the critical services they provide, right as their programs are getting off the ground. The latest cannabis tax revenue forecast shows a significant decrease in funds for future funding cycles. It is unconscionable to ask these community-based providers to weather more cuts to services when they are already contending with a huge projected loss in cannabis tax revenue.

For culturally specific, community-based providers, cuts in Measure 110 funding would be particularly devastating. The passage of Measure 110 represents the first time that Oregon communities of color have seen funds invested specifically for addiction recovery services for those most harmed by the war on drugs. These providers have

been advocating for culturally specific services for decades, and thanks to Measure 110, these organizations are finally able to expand operations to help meet the tremendous need for the services they provide. These providers are counting on having Measure 110 funding available to help heal their communities.

We are also concerned that cutting Measure 110 funding for this purpose could pit community providers against one another as they are forced to compete for scarce funds.

Further, reducing Measure 110 dollars undermines the will of Oregon voters, who passed Measure 110 in 2020 by a 17-point margin, and reaffirmed their commitment to the law in 2022 when independent polling showed that this same margin of likely voters continue to support the law.

Please, stand with Oregon voters and the communities most harmed by the war on drugs by finding an alternate funding mechanism for HB 3431. We must stay the course on fully funding Measure 110 services – Oregonian's lives depend upon it.

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