

Submitter: CJ Alicandro

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care

Measure: HB2395

To Chair Patterson, Vice Chair Hayden, and members of the Senate Committee on Health Care,

I'm a social worker currently working in one of Portland's major hospitals. Prior to this, I worked for a large nonprofit behavioral health agency. I have seen time and again the positive impact of providing Narcan to prevent death via opioid overdose. It's really a miracle that we have something that works so effectively and is so easy to administer. I am so pleased that this legislation promotes having Narcan available at schools, apartments, and other facilities where people are at high risk of experiencing overdose. This bill seriously has the potential to save so many lives.

Speaking as someone who has known clients who have died needlessly from opioid overdose, I am in full support of this measure. Thank you for your time.

CJ Alicandro, CSWA