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I see benefits in this measure but I urge caution when singling out specific substances. Prevention science includes raising awareness of harmful substances as well as looking at the risk and protective factors that may be involved. I urge our legislatures to lean into the Primary Prevention Field workforce and prevention science. When we use these evidence based practices and science backed foundation, we are better prepared to take on any new risk of harm. Singling out specific substances often has an unintended consequence of efforts being siloed when in reality we want comprehensive efforts and results that lead to overall health. In addition, asking Community Based Organizations to take on these efforts without a prevention science background leads to a lack of efficiency and collaboration. We must use prevention science techniques to ensure that we do no harm in our efforts. I am all for raising awareness but we must look at the whole of all of our potential substance use and behavioral health addictions. Please do not silo Oregon any further.