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I am currently a member of the West Howard Oxford House in Eugene Oregon. I am opposed to bill HB 2239.

Oxford is a high functioning and self ran organization of sobriety housing. I believe that each house needs to have the opportunity to run itself and use a democratic system of decision making for its own good. Having the freedom to run your house democratically is one of the best things that you could have and it makes every member of the house feel like they matter as much as the next member.

As the house is run currently, it has opened a whole world to me as far as becoming a sober and productive member of the community and the fact that its self run opens the door to so many opportunities for all the members of the house to be involved and feel like they are apart of something that is for the greater good.

Oxford needs to remain self-run for the houses to remain as Productive as they are.

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