

Submitter: Sarah Oldham

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Addiction and Community Safety
Response

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3197

Dear Legislatures,

As a therapist at a large in-patient psychiatric facility in Portland, Oregon, I provide support to adolescents and adults- many of whom are dually diagnosed with both mental health and substance use challenges. Research has shown that substance use in young adulthood can lead to long-term physical and mental health difficulties. By passing HB 3197, you will help young people gain more access to vital substance use education and recovery support and help them have their best chance of growing into healthy adults.