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I want to voice my strong opposition to this bill. At a time when state government is in a funding crisis, it does not seem wise to enact another costly program with unclear no proven track record. The grant program could quickly consume a large amount of money, without measurable improvement. The bill is redundant, as Oregon already operates various programs aimed at community violence. It excludes law enforcement, so it will eliminate any possibility of collaboration of community engaging with law enforcement. The failed legalization of hard drugs was a total failure, and this seems to take the same type of approach by circumventing law enforcement. The bill emphasizes funding for evidence informed services, but does not define what that criteria is. This would potentially allow money to go to programs with a proven track record, and be wasted.

While the intention of this bill is good, it seems to have been thrown together at the last minute without input from all stakeholders. it smacks of being a costly feel good measure, that will not have the desired outcome. Vote NO!