



Submitted to the Joint Committee on Addiction and Community Safety Response

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Testimony in Opposition to SB 881

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Co-Chair Prozanski, Co-Chair Kropf, and members of the committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in opposition to SB 881. For the record, my name is Shannon Wight and I am the Deputy Director of Partnership for Safety and Justice (PSJ). PSJ advocates for public safety policies that ensure accountability, equity, and healing for people convicted of crime, crime survivors, and the families and communities of both. For over 25 years, our work has promoted community and public safety with policies that keep families together, reduce racial disparities, and invest in communities across Oregon.

When Measure 110 was approved by the voters in 2020, the Oversight and Accountability Council (OAC) was established to grant funds to eligible providers. The OAC was purposefully placed within the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), who has the most expertise of any state agency in providing treatment services.

SB 881 would move authority over these resources from OHA and the OAC to the Criminal Justice Commission (CJC). While we appreciate the daily work of the CJC and partner with them on a number of initiatives, we feel that placing this responsibility with that agency would be misaligned with all of Oregon's goals to treat addiction as the health condition that it truly is.

We would urge the committee to keep the grantmaking responsibility for these funds within OHA and continue to prioritize the treatment services that will keep our communities safe.

PSJ urges your opposition to SB 881, and thank you for your consideration.