



**Joint Testimony of the Oregon District Attorneys Association, the Oregon State Sheriffs' Association, and the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police
In Support of HB 3553 and HB 2175**

Co-Chair Prozanski and Co-Chair Kropf, Co-Vice-Chair Mannix, and Members of the Joint Committee on Addiction and Community Safety Response:

On behalf of the Oregon District Attorneys Association (ODAA), the Oregon State Sheriffs' Association (OSSA), and the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police (OACP), we thank you for the opportunity to submit this joint testimony in support of **HB 2175**.

This bill is a critical tool in the effort to address the increasing threat posed by counterfeit pills and the illicit drug trade. As public safety leaders committed to protecting Oregonians, we believe that these measures will help disrupt a key element in the production and distribution of deadly substances—specifically fentanyl—and reduce the tragic consequences that have become all too common in our communities.

Pill presses, originally designed for legitimate pharmaceutical use, have been widely adopted by criminal organizations to mass-produce counterfeit medications. These devices enable traffickers to manufacture pills that are nearly indistinguishable from legal prescription drugs, often containing lethal doses of fentanyl or other synthetic opioids. These counterfeit pills are fueling an alarming rise in overdose deaths across Oregon and the nation.

By prohibiting the unauthorized possession of pill presses, these bills give law enforcement and prosecutors an important tool to target the source of illicit drug manufacturing. This legislation strengthens our ability to intervene early in the production process—before these deadly drugs reach vulnerable individuals in our communities. Criminalizing possession of pill presses, outside of regulated and legitimate use, will significantly reduce the ability of traffickers to mass-produce counterfeit pills disguised as safe medications.

The need for this legislation is urgent. Law enforcement agencies across the state report a growing frequency in the discovery and use of pill presses in fentanyl-related investigations. These machines are inexpensive, easy to obtain, and capable of producing thousands of pills in a short period of time—making them highly attractive to drug trafficking organizations. HB 2175 would act as a deterrent to this type of criminal activity while empowering law enforcement to disrupt operations before more lives are lost.

This legislation also sends a strong, unified message: Oregon is committed to confronting the fentanyl crisis head-on. The bills recognize the reality that counterfeit drugs are not only dangerous, but often indistinguishable from real pharmaceuticals. In many overdose cases, individuals are unaware they are ingesting a counterfeit product. By addressing the root of the problem—the tools used to produce these substances—we can take a proactive step in saving lives.

We believe HB 2175 represent common-sense, life-saving public policy. They strike a necessary balance between public health, safety, and the need to hold traffickers accountable. We strongly urge your support of this legislation, and we thank you for your leadership in advancing policies that protect all Oregonians.

Respectfully submitted,

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