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DEFENDING MEASURE 110

Oregonians deserve real solutions.

We all have deep frustrations and concerns about the homelessness, drug addiction and mental health crises in Oregon and across the nation. The data is clear: we cannot arrest our way out of homelessness, drug use, or poverty.

The ACLU urges lawmakers to support evidence-based solutions that prevent crime by addressing the root causes: like affordable housing, mental health and addiction services and economic growth, including:

- Increasing addiction treatment, detox, supported and recovery housing and outreach workers trained to get people into care
- Increasing affordable housing and reducing poverty; creating more safe and accessible shelters and temporary housing options to help get homeless people into short-term housing
- Sending crisis counselors, instead of police, to respond to 911 calls about people having mental health or addiction crises

SB 1583A — FREEDOM TO READ

Students deserve to feel affirmed and welcome in Oregon public schools — and they should be free to read, learn and share ideas without fear of discriminatory censorship!

Books bans are on the rise in Oregon. SB 1583 would prevent book bans and other forms of censorship in Oregon public schools if the ban or censorship constitutes discrimination based on race, national origin, color, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, religion, physical or mental disability, military status or marital or family status.

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POLICY PRIORITIES

HB 1552 — Oregon Youth Leadership Group



Youth have a right to be a part of the policy making process that directly impacts them. As part of an omnibus bill, the bill would create the Oregon Youth Leadership Group (OYLG). The OYLG will focus on improving educational outcomes in Oregon for students from historically marginalized backgrounds by identifying best practices in reporting racism and hate crimes in schools, and providing student support.

Our state's critical democratic processes must be protected from obstructionism. This legislative ballot referral would allow voters to change the OR Constitution so that legislative sessions can proceed with a simple majority of lawmakers, changing Oregon from being an outlier and instead similar to most other states.



HJR 202 — Quorum Legislative Referral

SB 1532 — Establishing Immigrant and Refugee Student Success Plan



All students should have access to equitable learning opportunities.

The bill will direct the Oregon Department of Education to create a plan to support the educational success of immigrant & refugee students. It is a commitment to improving access and opportunities for historically underserved students.

FUNDING ASKS

Economic Justice

- Childcare for Oregon —
Employment Related Day Care

Environmental Justice

- Climate Change Fund
- Healthy Homes Fund

Health Equity

- School Based Health Centers

Housing

- Housing and Rental Assistance

Immigrant Rights

- Universal Representation

Reimagining Safety

- Restorative Justice Grant Program
- Survival Fund