
Subject: Oregonians deserve better than House Bill 4002

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Oregon is facing a heartbreaking addiction crisis, and we need our lawmakers to address it with real solutions.

Real solutions recognize that drug addiction is a health matter, not a criminal one.

Because the criminal system's purpose is punishment, it will never provide real solutions to health matters like drug addiction that require healing.

We need treatment beds, not jail beds. [Take action now and tell your lawmakers this loud and clear.](#)

TAKE ACTION

Unfortunately for Oregon, state lawmakers are recklessly pushing forward with House Bill (HB) 4002, which will criminalize Oregonians – both youth and adults – who are caught by police with very small, user-level amounts of drugs.

By doing so, lawmakers are knowingly repeating the failed war on drugs. The war on drugs already wasted billions of tax dollars that should have been used for treatment and housing on police, jails, and prisons, and it inflicted government harm and violence on people, especially Black, brown, Indigenous, low-income, LGBTQ+, and rural Oregonians.

Next week, the 2024 legislative session starts, and lawmakers will hold their first public hearing on this important issue. We need you to join us in advocating for real – not false and harmful – solutions to drug addiction. Please stay tuned to our social media accounts and emails for the latest updates on how you can show up and provide testimony. For now, [please fill out this action alert!](#)

Thank you for your commitment to building an Oregon filled with thriving communities and real solutions, not more jails and prisons. I look forward to working with you throughout this legislative session.

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