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## HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADER RESPONDS TO 1,500% INCREASE IN OVERDOSES: 'MAJORITY MUST STOP STALLING'

**SALEM, Ore** – In response to a <u>report</u> showing that Oregon's overdose rate has grown over 1,500% since before the pandemic, the highest rate of increase in the nation, **House Republican Leader Rep. Jeff Helfrich (R-Hood River)** issued the following statement.

"A 1500% increase in overdoses is the direct result of Oregon enabling drug use with Measure 110. People will keep dying at nation-leading rates as long as this failed policy remains in place," said **Leader Helfrich**. "The majority party must stop stalling and pass HB 4036 to put an end to this crisis."

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