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**Rep. Hoa Nguyen Signals Hope for Improved Community Safety
and Access to Drug Treatment in Clackamas County**

Nguyen voted to pass the Oregon Drug Intervention Plan that gives law enforcement a new tool to connect people to treatment and invests \$4 million for more treatment.

Milwaukie, Ore. – On Sunday, Oregon will have a new misdemeanor when a portion of the Oregon Drug Intervention Plan goes into effect. The legislative package passed earlier this year when champions like **Rep. Hoa Nguyen (D-East Portland and Damascus)** acted to crack down on harmful drugs in the community and connect people struggling with addiction to treatment.

“Everyone knows someone who lost a loved one from dangerous drugs like meth and fentanyl and in the community I represent, law enforcement expressed the need for additional tools to confiscate these drugs and connect people to treatment,” said Nguyen. “Sunday, law enforcement will have that tool and because of the work we did in the legislature, we’ll be able to connect more people to Clackamas County’s innovative Substance Abuse Program.”

Significant state investment has enabled the county to build both a 24-hour crisis stabilization program and a short-term care program that connects those in crisis to supportive services. With dedicated mental health and substance abuse resources, the center will offer an effective alternative to criminalization or hospitalization.

Joined by other legislators from Clackamas County, Rep. Nguyen also helped secure \$1 million for the County's deflection program, funded by the legislature's [Drug Intervention Plan](#). The program will strengthen coordination between law enforcement and behavioral health providers, connecting those with addiction to treatment and peer support services.

The Clackamas deflection program and crisis stabilization center are key components of the legislature's commitment to building a sustainable treatment infrastructure in every community across the state.

To learn more about Rep. Nguyen and the legislature's work in the State, visit oregonlegislature.gov/nguyen.