



OREGON HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

April 14, 2023

Timothy G. Sekerak
Chief Clerk of the House
State Capitol Building
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Vote Explanation on HB 2513-A

Dear Chief Clerk Sekerak,

Please accept this letter as my official vote explanation on House Bill 2513-A.

I voted Aye on HB 2513-A because I am encouraged that it will add some accountability and transparency features that will enhance the Oregon Health Authority's ability to serve more Oregonians who are struggling with mental health and addiction issues.

But I don't want anyone to be under the delusion that this bill fixes Measure 110. It is merely a small step in the right direction.

A case in point: On page 2 of the bill, "recovery" is defined as a "process of change through which individuals improve their health and wellness, live a self-directed life and strive to reach their full potential." Nowhere in the definition of recovery is anything stated about getting people off of drugs. When we cannot even get our definitions correct, we will never be successful in solving Oregon's drug problems.

At a time when Washington is working toward reforming their drug laws to compel into treatment those who refuse help, we should be looking at bolder action. This bill doesn't go nearly far enough.

Respectfully submitted into the House record,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shelly Boshart Davis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Shelly Boshart Davis
Oregon State Representative
District 15