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## **Speaker Priority Bill to Right-Size Treatment Courts Passes House Unanimously**

*Evidence-based specialty courts play key role in addressing the addiction crisis  
long-term, providing wrap-around services and reducing recidivism*

**SALEM, Ore.** – Today, the House passed [House Bill 4001](#) **unanimously** to answer key questions to ensure our work to support these programs leads to our intended outcome: giving communities the tools they need to maintain and grow their drug treatment and other specialty courts so they can keep helping families and individuals take charge of their lives again.

House Bill 4001 now heads to the Senate.

“We are strengthening and expanding efficient connections to treatment as a key part of investing in Oregon's future,” said **Speaker Dan Rayfield (D-Corvallis)**. “Through this legislation, we can stabilize the funding for treatment courts and ensure that we are providing high functioning, effective diversion opportunities for the people who will benefit most from them.”

[House Bill 5204](#), the budget companion bill to [House Bill 4002](#) and a key component of the Oregon Drug Intervention Plan, also includes \$9.7 million in CJC grants to grow these programs and stand up new ones. More details on House Bill 5204 can be found [here](#).

Each specialty court program relies on a team of experts including: judges, prosecuting and defense attorneys, behavioral health providers, court coordinators, case managers, probation and social service providers such as child welfare and housing. The team must function well at a programmatic level as well as for each individual participant. This can lead to distinct, localized challenges, making it a difficult problem to address with a statewide solution. HB 4001 sets up a process to build a model that best meets the needs of communities across the state.

In the fall of 2023, Speaker Rayfield visited the Multnomah County STEP court. Read more about the visit [here](#).

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