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Bipartisan Hope and Recovery Bill Passes Oregon Senate

HB 2513 will strengthen and improve the implementation of Oregon voter-approved

Measure 110

SALEM, Ore - Today, the Oregon Senate passed the bipartisan Hope and Recovery Bill (<u>House Bill 2513</u>), which aims to strengthen and improve the implementation of Oregon voter-approved Measure 110 (<u>The Drug Addiction Treatment and Recovery Act</u>).

The Hope and Recovery Bill works to make these services available to all Oregonians who need them by:

- Bolstering staffing and improve application processes to speed up approval and get funds out the door:
- Centralizing the support hotline to get people connected to services more efficiently; and
- Improving Measure 110 program data collection and accuracy to ensure accountability.

"Oregonians struggling with mental health and addiction need access to treatment and support so they can get on a path to recovery," said **Senator Winsvey Campos (D - Aloha)**, who carried the bill on the floor of the Senate. "These are evidence-based solutions that are going to make a huge difference in Oregon communities."

The bill passed 24 to 1 on the floor of the Senate.

"As a former prosecutor, I know that the best way to solve our behavioral health and addiction crises is to make sure that people get access to the care and support they need – the sooner the better. These fixes will provide a path to recovery for more Oregonians, fostering healthier and safer communities for all of us," said **Senate Majority Leader Kate Lieber (D - Beaverton & SW Portland)**, who has led efforts to address Oregon's behavioral health and addiction crises in the 2023 legislative session.

Addressing Oregon's behavioral health and addiction crises is a top priority for Senate Democrats this session, and this legislation is a significant component of that effort.

The Hope and Recovery Bill is one of the hundreds of bills that Senate Democrats rescued by negotiating an end to the Senate Republican walkout. Thanks to Senate Democrats showing up, doing their jobs, and delivering results for the people of Oregon, this legislation now moves to the Governor's desk for consideration.

Background on voter-approved Measure 110: Oregon passed Measure 110 with a wide margin of support in November 2020. The Measure was developed by drug treatment and recovery service providers, as well as criminal justice reform advocates in response to the high rate of drug addiction and overdoses in Oregon, and the disproportionate impact of those outcomes on Oregon's communities of color. According to the Oregon Health Authority, over 60,000 Oregonians have received Measure 110-funded services.

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