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Committee Hears Proposed Solutions to the Drug Crisis from Experts, Oregonians

Video and key takeaways from the third meeting of the Joint Committee on Addiction and Community Safety Response

SALEM, Ore. - Today, the Joint Committee on Addiction and Community Safety Response held its third meeting to hear from experts about effective ways to treat drug addiction and build accountable drug treatment programs. They also listened to public testimony about the solutions to the drug crisis Oregonians would like to see the state pursue in their communities. Legislators will carefully consider these ideas as they continue their work to build a response to the drug crisis that saves lives and keeps our streets clean and communities safe.

“Oregonians are frustrated and worried, I’m frustrated and worried about the drug crisis, but I have hope because we all want solutions that will make a real, immediate impact. We need to act fast to clean up trash, graffiti, and drug paraphernalia; reduce public disorder, public use, and criminal activity; get people off the streets and into treatment; and do everything we possibly can to prevent addiction,” said **Senate Majority Leader Kate Lieber (D – Beaverton & SW Portland)**.

A [full recording of the meeting can be found here](#) and the [full agenda can be found here](#).

“Every Oregonian is impacted in one way or another by the drug crisis, which is why it is so important for us to make sure that Oregonians have an opportunity to be part of the solution,” said **Representative Jason Kropf (D – Bend)**. “The testimony we heard today showed Oregonians have core, shared values that unite us. We all want cleaner streets, safer communities and a drug treatment system that meets people where they are.”

In the fourth meeting ahead of the 2024 Legislative Session, lawmakers will continue to examine potential public safety and public health solutions to the drug crisis in Oregon.

The Joint Committee on Addiction and Community Safety Response is the [Legislature's hub](#) for the coordination of an urgent public health and safety response to the drug crisis. Through the 2024 session and beyond, this bipartisan, bicameral group of legislators will provide oversight of state programs and funding while seeking short and long-term solutions to keep Oregonians safe and healthy.

This committee is co-chaired by **Senate Majority Leader Kate Lieber (D – Beaverton & SW Portland)** and **Representative Jason Kropf (D – Bend)**. The full membership of the committee can be found [here](#).

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