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Oregonians Win as the Oregon Senate Recriminalizes Hard Drugs through Historic Vote in Repealing/Reforming Measure 110

SALEM – Today, the Oregon State Senate voted to repeal/reform Measure 110 and end the decriminalization experiment that has cost so many Oregonians their lives and has torn families and their communities apart.

"Since the Majority Party refused to address recriminalizing drugs in the 2023 Legislative Session, I called for a Special Session to repeal Measure 110 in October of last year, to save lives and give our law enforcement officers the tools they need to protect the health, lives, and safety of our residents, said **Senator David Brock Smith (R-Port Orford)**. As the Joint Committee On Addiction and Community Safety Response was formed and began their work, my Senate and House Republican colleagues joined Representative Reschke and I on the call for a Special Session to repeal the failed experiment that was Measure 110 and recriminalize hard drugs."

<u>Today's historic vote</u> is the culmination of hundreds of hours of work by a broad group of stakeholders including the Oregon State Sheriffs Association, the Oregon District Attorneys Association, the Oregon Association of Chiefs of Police, the League of Oregon Cities, the Association of Oregon Counties and many more departments, agencies, organizations, businesses, and individuals.

"HB 4002 A goes well beyond a repeal of Measure 110 and is the first step for law enforcement to have the tools they need to save lives, get drug dealers off the streets, get users the treatment services Oregonians wanted and to begin to give back our communities to their residents and families. There is more work to be done, and I will continue to work with our law enforcement officers, community leaders and fellow elected officials to make sure we strengthen this work in the 2025 Legislative Session", concluded Senator Brock Smith.

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