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### **Representative Wright Releases Statement Following House Passage of House Bill 4002 A To Address Oregon's Addiction Crisis**

**SALEM, OR** – Today, Representative Boomer Wright (R-Reedsport) released the following statement after the House passage of [House Bill 4002 A](#) to address Measure 110 and Oregon's addiction crisis.

"While I wish we were passing a stronger proposal to address Measure 110, I also understand what will continue if we do nothing. We will not solve the drug and addiction crisis here in Oregon in one day, one week, one month, one year, or with one bill. This is the first step in a long and difficult journey. We will move forward in mercy, compassion, and justice in addressing our drug crisis and addiction in Oregon," **said Representative Wright.**

House Bill 4002 A includes the following changes:

- Will allow jail sentences (via a new "Drug Enforcement Misdemeanor") of up to 180 days for people caught with small amounts of drugs, but only under certain conditions such as violating probation/conditional discharge.
- Provides counties the option to participate in a deflection program where people can avoid arrest by working with behavioral health programs that connect drug users with "community-based pathways to treatment, recovery support services, housing, case management or other services."
- Alters state law to create heightened penalties for drug dealers dealing near parks, treatment centers and homeless shelters.
- Expands the use of welfare holds to 72-hours for those that are a danger to themselves and others.
- Directs the Chief Justice to look at changes to Oregon's Catch and Release System (Senate Bill 48).

House Bill 4002 A passed the House with a final vote of 51-7. Representative Wright voted in support of the bill.

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