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

SALEM, OR – Today, Representative Kevin Mannix (R-Keizer/North Salem) released the following statement after the House passage of [House Bill 4002 A](#) to address Measure 110 and Oregon's addiction crisis:

While this legislation is far from perfect, it is a step in the right direction and provides our law enforcement with the tools they need to keep our communities safe.

The essential element of House Bill 4002 is the establishment of an unclassified misdemeanor regarding the possession of hard drugs so we can hold drug users accountable and use this accountability to press them into treatment. We are setting up the framework for comprehensive drug rehabilitation programs.

However, beyond this, I believe we have much to do that is not established by this bill, including:

- *Giving family members the ability to have a drug addicted family member placed in treatment and allowing parents to get rehabilitation services for their children who are drug addicted.*
- *Supporting the establishment of regional rehabilitation facilities.*
- *Lowering the barrier for licensing as to persons who can help in drug rehabilitation.*
- *Removing obstructions from the bureaucracy in getting rehabilitation facilities built.*
- *Ensuring that drug traffickers are held in jail until they are arraigned in front of a circuit court judge (end "catch and release" for drug traffickers).*

I am grateful to the many Oregonians who made their voices heard in front of the Joint Committee on Addiction and Community Safety, and to my colleagues who helped shape this legislation. It is my hope that once this legislation takes effect, we will see a reduction in Measure 110's devastating grip on our beautiful state.

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

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