

CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Policy Session Worksheet

Presentation Date: 1/17/24 **Approx. Start Time:** 11:30 am **Approx. Length:** 30 min

Presentation Title: Measure 110 Values Statement

Department: County Administration

Presenters: Kimberlee DeSantis, Senior Policy Advisor

WHAT ACTION ARE YOU REQUESTING FROM THE BOARD?

Staff requests the Board of Commissioners provide feedback on the provided draft Measure 110 values statement.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Ballot Measure 110, the Drug Addiction Treatment and Recovery Act, was passed by voters in November 2020. The act decriminalized most unlawful possession of a controlled substance and provided funding for addiction treatment. The intent was to shift resources to behavioral health treatment, offering only a fine for punishable offences rather than jail or supervision.

In June 2023, the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners approved placing advisory votes on the May 2024 ballot to ask the following:

1. Should legislators representing Clackamas County introduce/pass legislation repealing provisions of Measure 110 that decriminalized illegal drugs, including for juveniles?
2. Should Governor Kotek call a special session to address Measure 110's drug decriminalization and its impacts on crime and homelessness?

Since that time, many other counties and jurisdictions have taken a repeal or reform stance on Measure 110. Further, the Governor created the Joint Advisory Committee on Addiction and Public Safety Response which is meeting regularly in preparation for making recommendations for changes to Measure 110 in the 2024 legislative session.

On December 5, 2023 the Board directed staff to create a document capturing the County's current position on Measure 110. As the statewide conversation about Measure 110 has evolved and changes to the measure appear to be more likely, the Legislature has asked jurisdictions to come to the table with specific ideas.

A values statement could be utilized for legislative outreach and could help guide and supplement testimony provided by Commissioners and staff.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (current year and ongoing):

Is this item in your current budget? YES NO

What is the cost? \$ n/a

What is the funding source? n/a

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

- How does this item align with your Department's Strategic Business Plan goals?
n/a
- How does this item align with the County's Performance Clackamas goals?
Build Public Trust Through Good Government
Ensure Safe, Healthy and Secure Communities

LEGAL/POLICY REQUIREMENTS: n/a

PUBLIC/GOVERNMENTAL PARTICIPATION:

Government Affairs was consulted for comments on the draft values statement and it is expected that the document could be utilized for legislative outreach during the upcoming legislative session.

OPTIONS:

1. Approve the Measure 110 Values Statement as drafted.
2. Provide edits to the draft Measure 110 Values Statement.
3. Reject the draft values statement in its entirety and take a different approach for conveying the County's position on Measure 110.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff respectfully recommend option 1: Approve the Measure 110 Values Statement as drafted.

ATTACHMENTS: Draft values statement

SUBMITTED BY:

Division Director/Head Approval _____
Department Director/Head Approval _____
County Administrator Approval _____

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Clackamas County Values on Proposed Changes to Measure 110



1.17.2024

Clackamas County believes that recovery is possible. Individuals who have a substance use disorder should have timely access to the person-centered support, treatment and resources they need to achieve long-term recovery.

Measure 110, passed by voters in 2020, removed tools that obligated participation in recovery services. This has led to permissive drug use and harm to the community, as evidenced by increases in public drug use, criminal activity, overdoses and death. Drug use should be discouraged and there is no safe way to use illicit drugs. Policy changes and continued funding are needed for the buildout of a recovery-oriented system of care and to ensure those with substance use disorders are connected with the appropriate, timely services they need and to avoid unnecessary incarceration.

Clackamas County supports reforming Measure 110 to include the following:

Restore safe communities by giving law enforcement the appropriate tools

- Expand drug court and other diversion programs which could provide individuals cited for possession the opportunity for the dismissal of charges upon successful completion of required treatment
- Prohibit public consumption of controlled substances in alignment with existing laws prohibiting public use of alcohol and marijuana
- Restore Possession of a Controlled Substance to its original classification
- Stem the flow of illegal drugs by removing barriers to pursue convictions for delivery of controlled substances

Invest in the full continuum of recovery services

- Provide ongoing and sustainable funding for substance use treatment services across the entire recovery oriented system of care including prevention, crisis stabilization, early intervention withdrawal management (detox), outpatient and residential treatment capacity, and community reintegration across the state for both adults and juveniles
- Support the creation of opioid overdose response teams to provide immediate and ongoing support for overdose cases
- Utilize data to support investments in proven sobriety-driven programming and require tangible outcomes
- Create programming and policies that are appropriate for youth and that empower parents and families as they navigate the recovery process

Change the culture of drug use

- Shift away from a permissive drug culture
- Advocate for policies and services that are recovery focused that will help those struggling with addiction to get their dignity, life and family restored
- Support the right to safe, vibrant, livable communities