

Expands Addiction Treatment Services
& Removes Criminal Penalties for Majority of
Drug Possession Offenses

Measure 110

Measure 110 removes criminal penalties for low-level possession of most drugs in Oregon and increases access to addiction treatment services. The measure expands existing treatment services and established a network of Addiction Recovery Centers (ARC) to connect individuals all across Oregon to treatment services. If passed, Measure 110 would make Oregon the first state to decriminalize personal, non-commercial possession of drugs listed as a schedule I, II, III & IV, those deemed most likely to be abused. Measure 110 would decriminalize possession, but would not legalize the drugs themselves. Possession would be reclassified as a Class E violation and result in a \$100 fine. If the violator utilizes their local ARC for a consultation to seek services, the fine is waived. Supporters of Measure 110 include the Oregon Nurses Association, Oregon AFSCME, and the Coalition of Communities of Color, among many others. Opponents include Oregon Recovers and the Oregon Council on Behavioral Health. EMO supports Measure 110 based on its social principles of Human Rights & Religious Freedom, Family & Community Well-being, and Public Witness and the Common Good. EMO affirms the rights of all people to health care, including services that promote the overall health and economic stability of families and communities, including those suffering from addiction. Our country has a moral imperative to reform our criminal justice system and reduce the trauma it inflicts on communities of color. Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon affirms that Measure 110 represents an important step towards a more just system that respects the inherent dignity of all people and treats all Oregonians equally and fairly. In addition to Measure 110, EMO's Board of Directors voted to endorse Measures 107 and 108.