

# THE RE-UP

Your monthly fix on all news: drug, policy, and law related.

## PNW Drug Policy Update

◆ On October 4, 2021, Seattle became the largest U.S. city to decriminalize noncommercial activities around psychedelics.

## Drug Myth of the Month

**Myth:** Prescription drugs are safer than illegal drugs.

**Fact:** Prescription drugs are not always safer than illegal drugs because: (1) the number of accidental overdoses involving prescription pain relievers has more than tripled in the past 20 years, and (2) taking more of a prescribed medication than the doctor instructed, can lead to dependency.

## Mental Health/ Substance Use Resource

If you, a fellow law student, or an attorney you know is struggling with mental health, substance use, or other challenges, Oregon Attorney Assistance Program (OAAP) has counselors available 24 hours a day by email, phone, and video teleconference. Please visit [oaap.org](http://oaap.org) or call (503) 226-1057 for assistance.



## SSDP Resolution to Advance Sensible Drug Policy

Students for Sensible Drug Policy (SSDP) has created a Model Resolution to promote: adopting a public health approach to controlled substances, reforming criminal codes, auditing and tracking of expenses fees paid, encouraging school systems to phase out the use of police in schools, and protections for parents when interacting with child protective services.

The SSDP network saw a need for more resources to empower harm reduction advocates to change local municipal level policies across the country. This resolution is aimed at local level policies such as over-policing, student codes of conduct, transitioning emergency services toward an approach of non-violence, and supporting a vision for a post mass-incarceration world.

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## Federal M.O.R.E. Act of 2021

The Marijuana Opportunity, Reinvestment, and Expungement Act of 2021 (M.O.R.E. Act), H.R. 3617, if passed, would decriminalize marijuana federally. Specifically, it would remove marijuana from the list of scheduled substances under the Controlled Substances Act and eliminate criminal penalties for an individual who manufactures, distributes, or possesses marijuana.

The bill also requires the Bureau of Labor Statistics to regularly publish demographic data on cannabis business owners and employees, establishes a trust fund to support various programs and services for individuals and businesses in communities impacted by the war on drugs, establishes a process to expunge convictions and conduct sentencing review hearings related to federal cannabis offenses, and establishes several other changes.

On September 30, 2021, the U.S. House Judiciary Committee voted to advance the M.O.R.E. Act and the U.S. House of Representatives will be voting on the Act.

If you would like to take action and urge your Representative to vote yes on the MORE Act, use this link to do so:

<https://secure.everyaction.com/tHTeAH3o3E-ZlrXufUo4yQ2>

### WHAT DOES THE MODEL RESOLUTION DO?

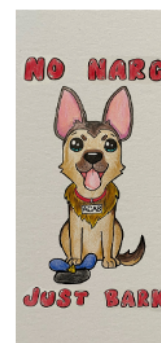
The Model Resolution is a place for communities to begin the conversation on what a post-drug-prohibition world could look like. The Model Resolution is a statement of communal values in regard to drug policy reform and provide a concrete vehicle to show what a community wants.

### WHAT DOES THE MODEL RESOLUTION NOT DO?

It does not change the underlying criminal laws.

## LSSDP's Sticker Fundraiser

During the week of November 1st - 5th, LSSDP will be hosting a sticker fundraiser during lunch at the tables at Rick's. The designs below will be available for purchase at \$3 for 1 sticker and \$5 for 2 stickers. All the proceeds from the stickers will be used to throw future events for students! Please Note: LSSDP will only be able to accept debit or credit cards.



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