Willamette LSSDP September Edition

THE RE-UP

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

Drug Policy News

- * \$302 million will be allocated for life-saving treatment, recovery, and harm reduction services under The Drug Addiction Treatment and Recovery Act (F.K.A. Measure 110) for the next biennium.
- * The Oregon State Legislature approved a \$471 million investment in overhauling Oregon's behavioral health system.

Drug Myth of the Month

Myth: You can overdose on Fentanyl *powder* by touching it.

Fact: Only snorting, injection, or ingestion of Fentanyl *powder* can cause an overdose.

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 or call (503) 226-1057 for assistance.



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Introduction to the Willamette LSSDP Team

Willamette's chapter of LSSDP is a group dedicated to drug policy reform, drug education, and harm reduction. Since our chapter began in 2015, we have taken an active role in lobbying and advocating to the Oregon Legislature on drug policy reform laws such as The Cannabis Equity Bill and The Drug Addiction Treatment and Recovery Act. We are also dedicated to spreading accurate, unbiased information on the use and misuse of legal and illegal drugs. Join us in continuing the LSSDP legacy this year! Join use for our **Membership Meeting** on **Tuesday September 7th from 12:30-1:30** to learn more about our club, to meet our members, and for free food!

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Oregon Legislative 2021 Update

SB 48: Repeals minimum bail amounts for Measure II crimes and certain methamphetamine offenses, and amending other pre-trial release statutes. Effective July I, 2022.

SB 134: Creates an exemption to disclosure of information of certain youth participating in Oregon Youth Authority programs or treatment, including treatment for substance use disorders. Effective January 1, 2022.

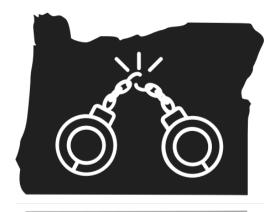
HB 3140: Amends the DUII statute language to specifically include "psilocybin," a psychedelic mushroom, in the list of intoxicating substances. Effective June 11, 2021.

Overdose Prevention Day

August 31st is the International Overdose Prevention Day. The day is aimed at raising awareness to overdose, reducing stigma around overdose deaths, and serves as a day for family and friends to grieve for loved ones lost by overdose. If you or a loved one is struggling with substance use disorder, you may call the national helpline, which is free and confidential, to seek for treatment options: 1-800-662-HELP (4357).

Policies and Services that would aid in the prevention of overdoses:

- · Overdose prevention sites
- Free testing kits to test for fentanyl
- Free naloxone and education on its use



Drug Decriminalization Facts in Oregon

As of February 1, 2021, personal possession amounts of drugs is no longer a crime in Oregon. (Under 1 gram of heroin, under 1 gram or fewer than 5 pills of MDMA, under 2 grams of methamphetamine, under 2 grams of cocaine, under 40 units of LSD, under 12 grams of psilocybin, under 40 units of methadone, fewer than 40 pills of oxycodone). Police are no longer permitted to arrest you or search your belongings just because they suspect you possess drugs that are within the decriminalized amounts stated. However, possessing more than the decriminalized amount is still a crime.

Police can still issue you a citation for possession of drugs within the decriminalized amounts. The maximum fine you can receive is \$100. The fine can be dismissed by completing a health screening within 45 days. Failure to pay the fine or complete a health screening cannot result in more penalties or incarceration. For more information, contact the ACLU of Oregon at https://aclu-or.org/en/legal-request or (503) 227-3186.

September is National Recovery Month

Join UniteOregon (a nonprofit that works across Oregon to build a unified intercultural movement for justice) in celebrating the funding of The Drug Addiction Treatment and Recovery Act. UniteOregon will be hosting community forums throughout the month of September to share with the public about the new rights, resources available, and the OHA grant process! For more information about attending the community forums, contact Anna at anna@uniteoregon.org.