

Oregon Action Alert, June 2021: Prevent Wasting Money on Misinformed, Coercive Mental Health Overreach!

Oregon State Senator Floyd Prozanski has had a Work Group on mental health issues. Within this Work Group, the *Subcommittee of Oregonians with Lived Experience of the Mental Health System* OPPOSES a harmful bill sponsored by Sen. Prozanski:

SB187 redefines “dangerous” as a legal concept instead of a clinical concept, and increases the number of Oregonians likely to be subject to civil commitment restrictions of their civil rights.

Even though Sen. Prozanski’s Work Group never addressed or voted on SB187; Even though the Subcommittee of Oregonians with Lived Experience opposed SB187; And even though most public testimony was against SB187... Unfortunately, Sen. Prozanski pushed his bill.

TAKE ACTION:

SB187 is now in the Oregon Joint Committee On Ways and Means. As a joint committee, it has legislators from both the House and the Senate. Please refer to this list of legislators in the [Joint Committee On Ways and Means](#), and if you see any of them that represent you, ***please write to them and express your opposition to SB187!***

Even if your Oregon Senator or Representative are NOT on the Joint Committee, **email them and ask them to oppose the bill before the Joint Committee:**

[Contact information for all members of the Oregon House.](#)

[Contact information for all members of the Oregon Senate.](#)

If you don’t know who represents you, you can [find out using your street address](#).

You can also email to the six leaders of the Joint Committee, the co-chairs and co-vice chairs. You will find their email addresses in the sample letter below.

For a sample model letter opposing SB187, [click here](#).

To prepare your emails, you can read our one-page [Brief Talking Points to Stop SB187](#).

For a longer five-page analysis of the problems with SB187, [click here](#).

To follow developments of this & other related bills, be sure to [sign-up for email alerts from our partners at MindFreedom Oregon](#). Email: mf-oregon@aciu.info. (Version 20210526)