

## PLEASE SUPPORT

**SB40: Substance Use Disorder Harm Reduction  
From the Opioid and Other Substance Use Disorder Interim Committee**

Sponsors: Senators *Lambert and Jahn*, Aguilar, Moreno, Priola, and Tate  
Representatives *Singer*, Kennedy and Pettersen

**The Problem**

The United States is experiencing an epidemic of drug overdose deaths. It is the leading cause of death of Americans under the age of 50. Drug overdose death rates in the U.S. have more than tripled since 1990 and continue to rise in Colorado. In Colorado, there is a fatal overdose every nine hours and 36 minutes. Nationwide, this statistic is counted in minutes rather than hours as overdoses have now surpassed deaths caused by both car accidents and gunshots. The bipartisan Interim Committee on Opioid and Other Substance Use Disorders considered and unanimously approved SB18-40 to address these issues.

**The Solution**

SB 18-040:

1. Authorizes one overdose prevention site (also known as a supervised injection/consumption facility) to be operated as part of an approved syringe access program. An overdose prevention site is designed to reduce the health and public order problems associated with injection drug use. They allow the consumption of pre-obtained drugs.  
Data from around the world shows that overdose prevention sites:
  - Reduce public disorder and enhance public safety
  - Reduce overdoses because staff are trained to respond and treat any overdose
  - Reduce transmission of HIV and hepatitis C infections
  - Decrease costly skin tissue infections
  - Improve access to other health and social services.
2. Allows syringe access programs to be operated in hospital emergency departments if approved by the local board of health. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Persons who inject drugs can substantially reduce their risk of getting and transmitting HIV, viral hepatitis and other blood borne infections by using a sterile needle and syringe for every injection.
3. Requires the Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice to study criminal penalties relating to opioids and synthetic opioids and to include its findings and recommendations in its annual report.

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	<i>IMPACT Network</i>	<i>SWOP Denver</i>
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