

## **HB 2112: Prohibiting Safe Injection Sites (SIS)**

“Americans struggling with addiction need treatment and reduced access to deadly drugs. They do not need a taxpayer-sponsored haven to shoot up.” - Rod J. Rosenstein, NYT

1. What do Safe Injection Sites do for our community?
  - a. They are supposed to get drug use off of our streets**
    - i. Doesn't work if the police (in Seattle) are not allowed to enforce the laws against those who do use drugs openly.
      1. What is the incentive to actually use these sites if doing drugs on the street will not get you arrested?
        - a. Free needles and other tools to inject are the incentive, and these end up being strewn across the city as they are “take-what-you-need” products offered at these sites.
        - b. The free needle program makes it safe for users because they get free clean needles to use, at the expense of the safety of our children who play in the same parks users inject at and leave needles all over the ground for children to come across.
    - b. Injection sites normalize drug use and facilitate addiction. They send a message to our kids that illegal drugs can be used safely.
  - c. Harms the social fabric of our state**
    - i. The vulnerable are swept aside and given their fix, rather than the help they need.
    - ii. Shows a lack of care for our citizens who we essentially quarantine to an area and let them continue being ghosts. We treat them as a nuisance rather than as humans who need help.
2. Funded by Taxpayers and carried out by Medical Professionals
  - i. Most people don't want to fund the drug use of others
  - ii. Medical professionals are meant to protect and save those in need of care, not continue the cycle of their addiction.
3. High on the streets of Seattle
  - i. Destroys the communities in which these sites are set up, as they become the hang-out spot for users, drug peddlers, and other criminals.
    1. Corrals drug users into one “mall” for dealers to set up shop at.
    2. The policy is “B.Y.O.D.” — bring your own drugs — but staff members help people abuse these drugs.
      - a. Incentivizing more illegal sales
      - b. There could be dirty drugs being used at these facilities being administered by medical professionals.
        - i. Government funded addiction supplied through the black market.
  - b. Doesn't stop people from injecting on the streets
    - i. Multiple fixes a day means multiple trips to the injection site, which for the homeless population is not necessarily feasible.
    - ii. Police (in Seattle) can't do anything about people injecting on the streets so there isn't enforcement on the other side.