

Testimony HB 2627

My concern is the determinates of the city (s) population for the funding of the Peer Recovery Centers. The **Medford metro area (217,000 population- 2017 census) and Bend –Redmond metro (165,000 - 2013 census)** are metro areas with qualifying populations. The key concept is these are cities with significant metro areas_with Oregon citizens accessing these services from close more rural proximities. For this reason, these metro areas should not be excluded due to the fact there are close to 400,000 to 500,00, metro area citizens need the type service offered in the HB 2627 legislation. I urge just consideration to include the nearby surrounding metro areas of Medford and Bend-Redmond.

Sincerely,

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