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Representative Andrea Salinas, Chair House Committee on Health Care

RE: HB 2339

On behalf of Addictions Recovery Center, I am writing to ask for your support of HB 2339 which would provide additional funding to support sobering facilities in Oregon.

Addictions Recovery Center has managed the Sobering Center in Medford since November 1, 2004. Our facility has a long history of supporting law enforcement agencies throughout Jackson County by providing sobering as an alternative to incarceration in the County jail. During the 2017-18 fiscal year, we provided services to 1,462 individuals who otherwise would have been incarcerated in the jail, which runs at full capacity.

This bill is important to our community as we have seen costs to providing services increase and funding from local participants stay stagnate or decrease over the years. Our current annual expense budget for sobering services is \$643,214 and funding from our local government agencies totaled \$311,590. As a public non-profit agency, we are supplementing fifty percent of the cost of this service, funds that can provide treatment services to more individuals within our community.

Passage of this bill and receipt of grant funding will allow us to continue to provide this vital service to our community.

I encourage you to support this bill and am happy to provide any additional information to assist you.

Sincerely,

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