



# CITY OF GRESHAM

March 26, 2019

House Committee on Healthcare  
Oregon State Capitol  
900 Court Se. NE, HR 50  
Salem, OR 97301

Re: HB 3279

Dear Chair Salinas and Members of the Committee:

The City of Gresham strongly supports HB 3279, which would provide rate parity for addiction and mental health treatment services. Local governments have experienced the twofold challenge of too often becoming front-line healthcare service providers for residents experiencing mental illness, and residents who have fallen victim to the modern proliferation of severely addictive substances.

Our partners at Multnomah County have substantial challenges facing the addiction treatment and mental healthcare needs of our shared constituents, and providing more adequate resources through rate parity will help them achieve success.

The City of Gresham strongly supports this legislation and urges your support. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Eric Chambers  
Government Relations Director