

Statement of Laura Beck in Support of SB 700

Dear Members of the Senate Committee on Health Care:

I am writing to express my strong support for SB 700, which will establish a brain injury service coordination program in Oregon.

I have worked in the field of brain injury for 22 years. As an information specialist part of my job is helping people with brain injury, their family members, and the providers who serve them find information and resources. They have shared with me the many barriers and challenges they face in trying to locate appropriate services and supports and coordinating the complex, and often lifelong, care that survivors of brain injury need. The cognitive challenges that many survivors face make this task even greater. A brain injury resource coordinator would assist the individual with brain injury and their family members navigate the complex system of care through the many agencies, both locally and statewide.

Resource facilitation/coordination programs in other states are demonstrating positive outcomes. I hope Oregon will do the same!

Sincerely,

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