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The Honorable Representative Janelle Bynum, Chair
House Judiciary Committee, Members

Re: Testimony for HB 2036

Dear Chair Bynum and Members of the Committee,

The Board of Parole has jurisdiction over individuals on parole and post-prison supervision. Occasionally, individuals on supervision become terminally ill, or the person is permanently incapacitated and in a condition that requires constant medical care. There is currently no legal avenue for such individuals to be discharged from supervision prior to the end of their supervision term as imposed by the court. Being on supervision for individuals who are terminally ill or permanently incapacitated may present undue barriers to housing and healthcare.

HB 2036 allows the Board to discharge individuals from supervision prior to the end of their supervision term so that they may access housing and healthcare without the burden of being on supervision. The bill also gives the Board discretion to only grant discharge to individuals where discharge is compatible with the interests of the person and the community because we recognize there may be situations where such individuals may still present an unacceptable risk if unsupervised.

Thank you for your time, and I am happy to answer any questions the Committee may have.

Sincerely,

Michael Hsu, Chairperson
Oregon Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision