



March 1, 2021

Attn: Members of the House Committee on Human Services

Members of the House Human Services Committee,

On behalf of the Association of Oregon Counties (AOC), representing Oregon's 36 county governments, I request your support for HB 3116, the bill for the Department of Human Services to study and make recommendations regarding a new funding formula for county-based Community Developmental Disability Programs (CDDPs).

CDDPs are county-owned and operated programs that serve individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). CDDPs work closely with the Oregon Office of Developmental Disability Services (ODDS) to provide I/DD services. Currently, as CDDP funding is reliant on state funding through our state-county partnership, CDDPs are asked, or required by law to take on new programmatic work and other policy changes made by the state each legislative session. This can create additional burdens for CDDPs in completing their core responsibilities, and doesn't always factor in the workload or capacity of local governments, creating challenges in their ability to complete the work needed by their communities and clientele.

HB 3116 will allow the Department of Human Services, alongside Counties and community developmental disability providers to create a framework around the workload of CDDPs. This will include:

- The need for culturally responsive, culturally specific and inclusive services
- The language access needs of participants in the programs
- Geographic differences
- The cost of living
- Personnel and operations costs

I encourage you to support HB 3116, as it will improve the infrastructure behind the system that serves our I/DD community. Oregon's I/DD system still has room left for improvement, and we know that better efficiencies in the system will create better outcomes in service delivery.

Regards,

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