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To: House Committee on Behavioral Health; others

Re: I OPPOSE [HB 2361]...Vague and ambiguous as to funding "race specific mental health and healthcare."

Whereas, the "Oregon Healthcare Provider Incentive Fund (herein FUND)" is a separate and distinct FUND from the GENERAL FUND, there is "NO" mention as to any GENERAL FUND contribution for the 2021-2023 biennium.

There is also absent the Text, any language pertaining to the FUND balance.

There are several additional, designated ancillary FUNDS within the FUND for the purposes of providing varied financial support functions, to enable and facilitate successes in providing various medical professionals to provide healthcare in rural Oregon.

Without engaging in a protracted analytical dissertation of the FUND structure, a few questions should be answered in the official record.

How many medical professionals, listed by profession are involved with this FUND with respect to [HB 2361]?

What is the population of people listed as; "Latino, Latina, Latinx" from "Morrow, Malheur, Hood River, and Umatilla counties" to receive mental health and health care from [HB 2361]?

Are all people within, "Morrow, Malheur, Hood River, and Umatilla counties" going to receive "equal access" to the level of care as those listed as, "Latino, Latina, Latinx?"

What is the GENERAL FUND contribution to [HB 2361] via the "FUND?"

What is the total cost of [HB 2361] for the 2021-2023 biennium?

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ David S. Wall

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