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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care  
Measure: SB303

Hello,

I am testifying against this bill as it goes against our right to privacy and undermines the movement of providing accessible psychedelic services in favor of appeasing to private institutions with unforeseen motives for the data that would be mandated to collect for everyone. It is concerning that an out of state, Political action committee is pushing for mandated data collection without client, facilitator, or service center consent, with risk of penalty. INSTEAD, a bill proposing that the OHA and/or the Healing Advocacy Fund provide a notable discount/reward (2-10% discount?) in psilocybin services for clients who CHOOSE to have their information collected or to service centers regularly providing a high quantity of consented data would allow for data be ethically collected for future research without infringing on our rights. Providing ways for clients and service centers to voluntarily share data will allow for quality research efforts, and many service centers would be willing to work with OHSU to provide ethically sourced data that sustains standards in equity. Another way to ethically collect data is to have the option to remain anonymous (removing name, specific address other than town/ zip code) so that cognitive biases are not as pervasive amongst clients because they know their identity will not be revealed in the databases.

As an Oregon resident, we did not vote for our rights to privacy be thrown out in order to have access to psilocybin services in measure 109, and it is egregious to make such a drastic change so soon after the measure was established into practice.

I am a prospective psilocybin facilitator, my passion is studying and implementing plant medicines to help individuals heal from their traumas and change the narrative from maladaptive and restrained, to enlightened and in love. I have a B.S. in Health & Society, minor in Human Services, and plan to enroll in a nationally recognized psilocybin facilitation program and graduate school to further my studies in plant medicines in the coming 5 years. I understand that data is valuable and can push the pen forward in this movement, but if it is at the cost of human dignity, then we are only doing harm to it.

Please vote against this bill in favor of a data collecting system that honors human integrity as well as scientific research, there are middle grounds available.

Thank you.