

My name is Michael Alter, LCSW and I am a psychotherapist in Portland, Oregon. I am writing to ask you to pass HB2455.

Please end the abusive practice of insurance companies using audits as an income stream. Audits should strive to support clinicians to comply with billing practices in a fair, transparent and constructive manner. Counselors deserve to know what is expected in audits so they can know how to document to pass them. As a professional, I strive for accuracy, transparency, and clarity in record keeping. Insurance companies should be held to a similar standard, and limits should be placed on audits so that providers do not have to live in fear by simply taking insurance. Passing this bill will increase access to care in our state. Thank you.

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