

Submitter: Katie Eichner

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB2455

My name is Dr. Katie Eichner. I am a licensed psychologist working in a private practice in Portland, Oregon. I am writing to ask you to pass HB2455.

Random, unclear, punitive audits with no clear guidelines for passing leave clinicians in fear for their livelihood. It is a major reason that many clinicians do not accept insurance, leaving clients without access to care.

Please end the abusive practice of insurance companies using audits as an income stream. Counselors deserve to know what is expected in audits so they can know how to document to pass them. Limits should be placed on audits so that providers don't have to live in fear simply taking insurance. Passing this bill will increase access to care in our state.