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Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

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My name is Ashley Bauer and I am an LPC and CADCI in Oregon. I am writing to ask you to pass HB2455.

Please end the abusive practice of insurance companies using audits as an income stream. Under current law, insurance companies can come back years after a service and require thousands, even tens of thousands of dollars from the clinician, after the client is long gone and has completed therapy. They will even withhold payments from other clients until the debt is paid. This is our livelihood being effected.

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