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House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care
900 Court St, NE
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Chair Nosse, Vice Chairs Nelson and Goodwin, and members of the committee,

The City of Portland appreciates the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the -1 amendments to HB 2513, making technical fixes to Ballot Measure 110's Oversight and Accountability Council (OAC) and grant making process.

The City has participated as a member of Rep. Nosse's legislative workgroup over the last few months and we are grateful for the time and dedication he and his office have put in, resulting in this amended language. Stakeholders from local government, state agencies, behavioral health and social service organizations, as well as individuals with lived experience and members of the OAC, engaged in robust discussions over several weeks on important issues that professionalize and improve the process of allocating the M110 funding throughout the state. The City appreciates that the amendment includes both the creation of an Executive Director for this program and the clear direction to the Oregon Health Authority to manage the grant awarding process for the OAC. We hope that these changes will help expedite the grant awarding process for future cycles and provide applicants clear direction when applying for these dollars and for appealing decisions if applications are denied.

Finally, the City is pleased to see a clarification that services for individuals with co-occurring disorders—both substance use disease and mental health disorders—can be funded through this program. A significant portion of Oregonians have dual diagnoses and it is vital that organizations who serve these populations have access to M110 funding.

The City of Portland encourages your support for the -1 amendments to HB 2513 and we look forward to continuing to work with the Legislature to ensure that Measure 110 dollars are allocated efficiently and effectively.

Sincerely,

Mayor Ted Wheeler

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