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On Behalf Of:  
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Measure: SB1522

Good afternoon Chair Gelser Blouin, Vice-Chair Robinson, and members of the Committee,

My name is Jacek (Jack) Haciaak, Psy.D. I am testifying in support of Senate Bill 1522.

I am the Director of DynamicChanges LLC and a retired Licensed Psychologist and program administrator having worked in five states. I also am a person with lived experience of serious mental illness.

Oregon's Office of Developmental Disabilities Services has done a remarkable job these past years developing a continuum of effective community services and supports which prevent crises from occurring or building to dangerous levels. Individuals served are consequently able to maintain daily wellness in addition to receiving progressively intensified community services if crises may appear.

This is how the clinical paradigm was designed --- as life difficulties appear, the system gradually increases tailored individual supports corresponding with the growing level of difficulty, and ultimately prevents serious danger from culminating. Proactively providing self-chosen and effective supports one level greater in advance of escalating circumstances prevents danger, and produces less chance of a person running away or resisting. This process not only effectively supports individuals experiencing IDD or mental illness vulnerabilities, but also the general population where all are susceptible to serious declines of one form or another when an extreme stressor matches up against a serious vulnerability.

As Oregon's Office of Developmental Disabilities Services system has now shown, civil commitment designed solely for individuals assigned a specific IQ score who are now receiving comprehensive and proactive services within a well-functioning system is unnecessary.

Please pass SB 1522.

Thank you.

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