

### **Statement of Intent – Multidisciplinary Team for Out of State Placement Oversight – HB 3835**

It is the stated legislative intent of the sponsors of HB 3835A that ODHS create OAR to specify the members of the multidisciplinary team referenced in Section 36b of HB 3835A to include the Foster Care Ombuds and Residential Facility Ombuds as members. It is also our stated, formal intent to ensure that the required visits referenced in that section include face to face contact with the child, wherein the child is provided the opportunity to raise any concerns or questions they have regarding their treatment in the out of state facility.

We also want to be clear that this exemption to the out of state placement regulations would be only for medically necessary treatment not available in the state of Oregon. Children with I/DD in the custody of child welfare who require health care treatment would be approved for only time-limited, medically necessary and appropriate treatment. To be clear, “treatment” does not include support related to the child’s co-occurring intellectual or developmental disability. That is harmful, not medically appropriate, and against Oregon’s longstanding commitment to community-based services.