



Oregon Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission

To: Co-Chairs Senator Campos and Representative Valderrama and Members of the Subcommittee,
Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Human Services

From: Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission Co-Chairs Tony Vezina and Debby Jones

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RE: HB 5025 Funding for the Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission

We write to support the Governor’s Recommended Budget for the Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission (“ADPC”). The ADPC is charged with improving the efficiency and effectiveness of all substance use prevention and substance use disorder treatment and recovery support services in Oregon. To accomplish this, the ADPC works with 14 participating state agencies to develop and implement a comprehensive plan for the state.

Although the ADPC acts as an independent body, with a Director directly appointed by the Governor, the Commission’s budget sits within the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) Behavioral Health Division budget. The ADPC utilizes OHA shared services such as the Office of Information Services, the Office of Contracts and Procurement, and Fiscal and Operations.

The Governor’s Recommended Budget includes a small General Fund increase to the ADPC budget of \$750,000 to maintain one-time staffing and funding allocated in 2024 to support ADPC’s role studying barriers to substance use disorder treatment. This allows the ADPC to maintain staffing and continue contracting for consulting, assessment, and data analysis necessary to perform the ADPC duties as laid out in statute. It is important to note that the ADPC staffing team supports the Commission; the Commission’s five committees; provides support to the Opioid Settlement Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Board; and provides reports and data, with a team of only seven staff. Without this budget increase, the staff will shrink to four.

With this small increase, the ADPC budget will total approximately \$2.8 million General Fund. It is a small price to pay for the state to have an entity steering the ship related to the prevention and response to substance use disorder.

Thank you for your consideration.

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