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To: Chair Nosse, Vice-Chair Javadi, Vice-Chair Nelson, members of the House Committee on

Behavioral Health and Health Care

From: Bridget Budbill, Legislative Advocate at the Oregon Law Center

Re: Support for stable state-share Medicaid funding – House Bill 2010

Date: February 6, 2025

Dear Chair Nosse, Vice-Chair Javadi, Vice-Chair Nelson, and members of the House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care:

The Oregon Law Center is a legal aid organization providing free, civil legal services to Oregonians all across our state. We ask that you support <u>House Bill (HB) 2010</u>, which extends key funding mechanisms of the state-share portion of Medicaid, a state-federal partnership.

Virtually all of our clients receive their health care through the Oregon Health Plan (OHP), Oregon's Medicaid program. Overall, one-third of Oregonians, including half of our state's babies and kids, count on OHP for health care.

Oregon's Medicaid program is unique, innovative, and inclusive. Stable state-share funding is imperative to making sure this continues to be true.

Thank you for your consideration of HB 2010.

Sincerely,

Bridget Budbill

The Oregon Law Center's mission is to achieve justice for low-income communities in Oregon by providing a full range of the highest quality civil legal services.