

- TO: Sen. Sara Gelser Blouin, Chair
  Sen. Diane Linthicum, Vice Chair
  Members of the Senate Committee on Human Services
- FR: Amanda Dalton Oregon Resource Association

## RE: Support for <u>SB 136</u>

## February 9, 2025

On behalf of the Oregon Resource Association, and our approximately 100 community provider organizations across Oregon, we offer our support of SB 136. Our members are the State's community provider partners who provide services across Oregon that support people with intellectual, developmental and other disabilities to live, work and stay connected in their communities.

We strongly believe in providing the Agency tools to revoke the licenses of poorly performing and dangerous providers in the system.

Revocation is essential in order to ensure the safety, well-being, and appropriate support for people with IDD. Without this oversight, providers that fail to meet standards could continue operating, putting individuals at risk due to inadequate services, negligence, fraud or even abuse. Licensing and endorsement are meant to uphold quality and accountability, and revocation is a necessary safeguard to remove bad actors and uphold public trust in the system. Allowing unqualified providers to continue operating undermines the integrity of the entire service network.

As an association supporting community provider organizations, we advocate for maintaining high standards. SB 136 provides clear guidelines for revocation, ensuring accountability without unnecessary ambiguity.