

# Quality Research Associates – Evaluation & Referral Services

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Re: HB3174

I am writing this letter to express my support for the proposed ADSS fee increase. I am an ADSS in Lane County. I have been in this position for the past 13 years. I work with many of the courts in Lane County providing ADSS referral and monitoring services. I employ another ADSS and support staff to ensure timely and effective ADSS services are provided to individuals, referring courts, and treatment providers. This fee increase would greatly benefit the ADSS by elevating some of the increase in cost we have had to overtake over the years in running our business. Every year day to day costs increase from simple things like office supplies to rent but also taxes, insurance, employee raises, and equipment. I have had to take on additional contracts and work to keep my office open over the past year without these other contracts I would not be able to pay my office rent, employee cost and business-related expenses. The only payment the ADSS receives is through the screening fee, some minor expectations can be ordered by a judge but that is not a guarantee. Please help support the continued work of the ADSS by allowing this fee increase. This fee increase would help alleviate some of the financial burden the ADSS has felt due to the rising cost of business over the past 22 years.

Thank you for your time.

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