

Tina Kotek, Governor

February 18, 2025

Representative Rob Nosse, Chair  
Representative Cyrus Javadi, Vice-Chair  
Representative Travis Nelson, Vice-Chair  
House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care  
State Capitol  
900 Court St. NE  
Salem, OR 97301

RE: HB 3046 Letter of Support

Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is dedicated to expanding access to essential health services, including life-saving opioid use disorder treatment. HB 3046 aligns with OHA's mission by empowering pharmacists to play a more active role in combating our statewide addiction crisis. By enabling pharmacists to prescribe and administer approved medications for the treatment of opioid use disorder, this bill increases the availability of treatment options, particularly in underserved areas where healthcare providers may otherwise be limited.

Furthermore, this legislation aligns with Governor Tina Kotek's 2025 legislative priorities, which emphasize strengthening behavioral health and addiction care. OHA fully supports the Governor's vision to make behavioral health and addiction services accessible no matter where individuals live or what they can afford. HB 3046 supports this vision by expanding the network of healthcare professionals authorized to provide opioid use disorder treatments, enhancing access to care across Oregon.

In conclusion, OHA supports HB 3046. Its passage will be a significant step forward in expanding access to treatment for opioid use disorder and strengthening the role of pharmacists in our healthcare system.

Sincerely,



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