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## TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT HOUSE BILL 3043

**House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care  
February 18, 2025**

Chair Nosse, Vice Chairs Javadi and Nelson, and Members of the Committee,

House Bill 3043 would update the statute implementing the statewide impaired health professional program. This program supports health care providers who have an impairing health condition including substance use or other mental health conditions, allowing these providers to continue practicing safely.

The Oregon Medical Board has relied on this program since its inception in 2010 to fulfill our mission to the public by ensuring that our licensed medical providers are providing safe and competent care. Our licensees may be referred to this program by the Board, or they may choose to self-refer.

As part of our continuous quality improvement process, several issues were identified in the statute that could be improved through House Bill 3043. The Oregon Medical Board is grateful to the Board of Nursing for leading on this bill and looks forward to our continued partnership.

**THE OREGON MEDICAL BOARD RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS THE  
COMMITTEE'S SUPPORT BY MOVING HB 3043 TO THE HOUSE FLOOR  
WITH A "DO PASS" RECOMMENDATION.**

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*The mission of the Oregon Medical Board is to protect the health, safety, and wellbeing of Oregonians by regulating the practice of medicine in a manner that promotes access to quality care.*