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House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care  
Oregon State Legislature  
900 Court St. NE  
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Subject: Support for HB 2554 – Social Work Licensure Compact

Dear Chair Nosse, Vice-Chair's Javadi and Nelson, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Amy R Duryea, and I am a licensed social worker in Oregon. I am writing to express my strong support for House Bill 2554, which would allow Oregon to join the Social Work Licensure Compact.

I became a Social Worker due to my own life experiences of injustice, trauma, family members addictions and marginalized individuals. I have always felt through my relatability with others, that I could pay forward to them what I have learned, in order to help heal others. I want our communities to do better, to be better and I want to be a part of those solutions and not a cause. The work we do is important in order to build resilience, advocate for change, and create stronger relationships with individuals and within communities.

This bill would also provide much-needed relief for existing social workers by increasing our professional mobility. Many of us have family in other states or want the flexibility to work across state lines through telehealth. HB 2554 would streamline this process and ensure that Oregon remains a competitive and attractive place for social workers.

I strongly urge you to support this legislation so that Oregon can take a crucial step toward addressing our social work shortage and improving access to care. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Amy R Duryea, LCSW