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First, thank you to the chair and the committee for the opportunity to submit my written testimony. My name is Hannah Kamsky and I have worked as the Nurse Care Manager with Project Nurture since 2016. I implore you to support SB 691 because this legislation will expand lifesaving and family uniting care (like Project Nurture). I have seen how the integration of substance use disorder treatment and perinatal care supports the health and wellbeing of the whole person and their children.

The care provided by Project Nurture teams goes beyond the care for an individual patient but rather has improved the care provided for all patients in this population through culture change, education, and advocacy in the healthcare community.

I have seen firsthand Project Nurture create community for patients with shared life experience through the facilitated groups offered through the program; patients parent who had not been able to with previous children; and patients have trust in their healthcare team who previously were scared to access care.

I am asking you to please support SB 691 to support and increase access to integrated care that supports families and improves the health of Oregonians.