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DATE: March 3, 2025  
TO: House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care  
FROM: Vanessa Cornwall, Lane County Intergovernmental Relations Officer  
RE: HB 2222, Relating to Mobile Integrated Health Care

Dear Chair Nosse, Co-Chairs Javadi and Nelson, and Members of the Committee:

Lane County strongly supports HB 2222, which establishes sustainable funding mechanisms and provides essential support for Mobile Integrated Health (MIH) providers in Oregon. This legislation is critical to addressing the healthcare needs of underserved communities and ensuring that some of our most vulnerable residents, including those on Medicaid, receive timely and effective care.

In Lane County, MIH programs have proven to be an invaluable resource by bringing healthcare directly to patients in community settings. Through the expertise of Emergency Medical Technicians, paramedics, community health workers, and other allied professionals, MIH providers deliver chronic disease management, preventative care, and wraparound health services that improve patient outcomes and reduce unnecessary hospital visits.

Despite the clear benefits of MIH services, a lack of sustainable funding has hindered their ability to expand and operate effectively. HB 2222 would address this by directing OHA to manage an MIH registry, establish certification pathways, and create technical assistance for billing processes. These measures would ensure that MIH providers are recognized and adequately supported to continue delivering high-quality care.

Additionally, this bill would open new funding opportunities for local governments, healthcare providers, and organizations across both public and private sectors. For Lane County, this means greater stability for our local MIH program, ensuring it can continue serving our residents with less financial uncertainty. The bill also aligns with federal efforts to expand the role of paramedics and other non-physician healthcare providers, allowing MIH programs to access appropriate billing codes and secure long-term sustainability.

For Lane County, MIH services are more expensive due to the smaller number in patients and need to be well staffed. We use CHWs and primary care providers that offer wraparound services to high need patients, and we need sustainable funding mechanisms to expand our MIH outreach.

Please consider supporting HB 2222 to ensure the continued success and expansion of MIH services in Lane County and across Oregon. Strengthening this infrastructure will lead to improved healthcare access, better patient outcomes, and a more sustainable healthcare system for all Oregonians.

ELECTRONICALLY SUBMITTED BY VANESSA CORNWALL, LANE COUNTY  
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