



**Testimony in support of HB 2224-3**  
**County Representation on CCO Boards**

March 4, 2025

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

On behalf of the Association of Oregon Community Mental Health Programs (AOCMHP), I am writing to express our support for HB 2224-3, which among other committee and board changes, requires county representation on Coordinated Care Organization (CCO) boards.

Some local government officials already serve on their CCO boards, but this is not a statewide practice. Requiring designated seats for local government officials on CCO boards helps ensure good stewardship of not only Medicaid resources for the community but also of non-Medicaid funding essential for community-based safety net and other health services.

Additionally, this role is complementary to the co-planning responsibilities of local mental health authorities, community mental health programs, local public health authorities and CCOs. County representatives are connectors to other systems, such as Public Safety, Child Welfare, and Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities, and are responsible for the well-being of the entire community, so they certainly have 'skin in the game' for CCOs' effective allocation of federal Medicaid funding.

We urge your support of HB 2224 with the -3 amendment.

Sincerely,

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