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House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care
900 Court St. NE
Salem Oregon 97301

Dear Committee Members:

RE: House Bill 3229

HIV Alliance asks that you pass House Bill 3229 in support of reducing regulatory burdens for human services providers. The passage of this bill is critical to improving the accessibility of behavioral health services for all Oregonians.

HIV Alliance is a nonprofit committed to supporting people living with HIV/AIDS and preventing new HIV infections throughout Oregon. As an agency, we provide wrap-around interventions that address the social determinants of health to protect people living with and at risk for HIV in our community. At HIV Alliance, we are dedicated to reducing HIV-related health disparities that impact LGBTQIA2S+, BIPOC, and rural communities to create a more just and equitable Oregon.

House Bill 3229 will allow Oregon's behavioral health workforce, including HIV Alliance, to further invest our time, expertise, and resources into providing services rather than juggling bureaucratic hurdles. Current delays in credentialing force our clients to wait for care that they are ready to receive and that we are eager to provide. Knowing that 60% of the patients we serve are LGBTQIA2S+ and disproportionately impacted by mental health conditions, this bill will also reduce health inequity across the state.

In passing House Bill 3229, the Legislature's investment in medical assistance will yield significant benefits for both providers and patients. As federal support for human services diminishes, your support for the efficiency and efficacy of Oregon's providers is more important now than ever.

HIV Alliance appreciates your consideration of House Bill 3229. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Thank you.


Sincerely,
Renee Yandel
Executive Director