

Submitter: Rebecca Schwartz
On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health
Care
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2029

Dear Chairman Nosse and Members of the House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care:

My name is Rebecca Schwartz and I am a LCSW. I am a therapist in Portland, Oregon and have been practicing for 5 years.

I am writing this letter in support of HB2029. Insurance audits are abusive and unfair and limit access to care to the people of Oregon. I currently take insurance to provide accessible care to Oregonians. Because of this I shoulder the stress and worry about being audited due to the lack of clarity in auditing process and the long timeline granted to insurance companies to clawback money. I know plenty of clinicians in Oregon who simply will not take this risk. This limits access to care to the most marginalized group of people who depend on insurance to access care as they cannot afford cash pay. You have the opportunity change this practice and therefore support clinicians and clients. Please take this opportunity to do so.

Thank you for supporting this bill.

Sincerely

Rebecca Schwartz, LCSW