

Submitter: Ashley Wilkins
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 Ashley Wilkins and I am an LCSW. I am a therapist in the Portland area of Oregon and have been practicing for 10 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. As a behavioral health provider, I am committed to taking insurance to increase access to folks who are seeking therapeutic support. However, many providers don't due to insurance companies punitive auditing practices that result in recoupment of thousands of dollars, often over seemingly benign clerical errors. This disincentives many providers from being on insurances panels and limits Oregonians access to mental health care. I worry about this happening to me and the potential it has to devastate my financial security and jeopardize my business. Please help stop this practice.

Thank you for supporting this bill.

Sincerely,
Ashley Wilkins, LCSW
Therapist and private practice owner