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I support HB 2029 because it ensures fair and transparent audit practices for behavioral health treatment providers. As a mental health practitioner, I have seen firsthand how overly burdensome and arbitrary audits can divert critical time and resources away from patient care. This bill establishes clear guidelines and restrictions, preventing insurers and coordinated care organizations from using audits as a tool for unnecessary claim denials or excessive payment recoupments.

By protecting providers from unfair auditing practices, HB 2029 helps sustain a stable and effective mental health system, ensuring patients—especially those in vulnerable populations—receive the care they need without unnecessary administrative barriers. This is particularly crucial for small to mid-sized providers who often lack the financial cushion to withstand unrestricted audits. Without protections, these audits can reach back indefinitely and demand full repayment for previously reimbursed services, potentially forcing essential community providers out of business. HB 2029 is a necessary step toward safeguarding both mental health professionals and the communities they serve.