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

Dear Chair Nosse and Members of the Committee,

I am a licensed professional counselor practicing in Turner, and a member of the Western Oregon Mental Health Alliance (WOMHA) board. I am writing in support of HB 2029 because health insurance audits and clawbacks place significant burden on behavioral health providers, which creates downstream negative effects on Oregonians who need behavioral health care. Current Oregon law allows insurers too much leeway and significantly disadvantages solo behavioral health providers and small practices. HB 2029 makes sensible reforms to the law that will support behavioral health providers who want to take insurance and increase access to behavioral health care for all Oregonians. Please vote to move HB 2029 forward. The prospect of being audited and experiencing a clawback makes me question the sensibility of taking insurance rather than having an all cash business. However, this would severely limit the number of clients who I would be able to help as about 50% of my clients are currently on Oregon Health Plan. I want to be able to continue to support people of every socioeconomic background. So please support HB 2029.