

Submitter: Michael Higginbotham  
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 Michael Higginbotham and I am a LPC.

I am a therapist in the Southern Oregon area of Oregon (This includes the area from Ashland to Grants Pass over to Klamath falls) and have been practicing for 8 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. Please help stop this practice.

I have been personally involved in audits and have found them extremely unhelpful, confusing and extremely abusive and unfair. We as clinicians are often overwhelmed with the much needed help in our communities due to the fact that so many in our field are pushed out by abusive practices put into place by insurance audits. I hear from my colleagues and have experienced personally the level of extreme stress and sense of confusion that is created by insurance audits. As mentioned before it causes many of us to avoid even taking insurance or doing any kind of business with certain insurance companies. This begins to eliminate access for our clients to much needed services. Please stop this abusive treatment of our field and let's work together to be sure our clients and community have the support they need to thrive.

Thank you for supporting this bill.

Sincerely,

Michael Higginbotham NCC, LPC