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Chairs Nosse, Javedi, and Nelson and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to speak today. My name is Bo Brinson, I am Executive Director of Oregon Recovers, a statewide non-profit organization that aims to end Oregon's addiction crisis by increasing access to effective care. That is why we endorse HB 2270.

Oregon Recovers was instrumental in the past for helping to fight for a reimbursement rate increase and we will continue the fight. This bill will establish an ADPC guided task force that would review SUD specific and SUD related billing codes eligible for the rate increase.

Addiction is a complex and multifaceted disease that affects individuals, families, and communities across Oregon. The services that provide addiction treatment are essential, yet they have long been underfunded. For many people suffering from addiction, timely and effective treatment can mean the difference between recovery and the continued struggle.

The proposed increase in reimbursement rates would have a profound impact. It would allow providers to offer higher-quality care, retain skilled staff, and expand services to meet the growing demand for addiction treatment. Currently, many providers face financial barriers that limit their ability to deliver the level of care necessary to help those in need. Increasing reimbursement rates by 30 percent would give providers the resources they need to ensure more Oregonians receive the care they deserve.

The need for such an investment has never been clearer. Addiction rates in our state have only risen, and the opioid crisis continues to devastate lives. This bill is a direct step toward making our addiction treatment services more effective and accessible. It's an investment not only in the health of individuals but in the overall well-being of our communities in Oregon.

I urge you to support HB 2270 and help ensure that Oregonians have access to the addiction medicine services they need to reclaim their lives and contribute to the strength of our state.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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