

House Bill 2387: Improving Psilocybin Services

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide public comment for <u>Oregon House Bill 2387</u>, which would improve regulations for the state's professional psilocybin services market.

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Oregon HB 2387 includes important regulatory improvements to Ballot Measure 109, which created the state's psilocybin services market.

In Oregon, psilocybin services cannot currently be used to treat mental illnesses. Section 4 of HB 2387 would protect licensed medical practitioners who provide advice or oversee legal psilocybin services.

Many consumers may seek psilocybin services to treat a range of mental illnesses, such as depression. Under the current law, consumers of psilocybin must acquire services from someone other than their current therapist or a licensed practitioner to treat their mental illness. Consumers should be allowed to receive psilocybin services from the person they feel is most qualified.

This is why, last year, Colorado health agencies created a separate license for medical practitioners to oversee psychedelic services for their own upcoming psilocybin services market.

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HB 2387 would update Oregon's psilocybin services market with this important improvement.

