

Testimony in Support of HB 2202

My name is Ann Ford, and I am the President of EOCCO and CEO of GOBHI. I am submitting this written testimony in support of HB 2202.

As a former CMHP provider, CCO compliance officer, and now as an executive, I have a deep understanding of the need for robust oversight and accountability across Oregon's publicly funded behavioral health (BH) and coordinated care system. I fully support the objectives of HB 2202 to eliminate unnecessary administrative burdens while maintaining a framework that ensures both transparency and quality care.

The goal of eliminating administrative burdens is not to diminish responsibilities, but rather to create a more efficient system that better supports providers and, by extension, enhances patient care. I believe HB 2202 will help streamline processes without compromising accountability, which is crucial for the sustainability and effectiveness of our behavioral health programs.

This bill seeks to update existing statutes to reflect the current delivery of publicly funded behavioral health services in Oregon. It is not intended to alter the fundamental structure of service delivery, but rather to ensure that the framework aligns with modern practices and needs.

I encourage the committee to support HB 2202, as it represents an important step forward in improving the efficiency, accountability, and quality of care within our state's behavioral health system.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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