

**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 2202
BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE
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Chair Nosse, Vice-Chairs Javadi and Nelson, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony. The Oregon Judicial Department (OJD) is neutral on House Bill 2202 and the –1 amendments.

Through the efforts of the HB 4092 Workgroup, we had the opportunity to learn about the processes and challenges faced by our community partners when the court orders a defendant to engage in services or treatment. By identifying redundancies, contradictions, and outdated language within the statute, the group was able to develop a comprehensive picture of how behavioral health services are provided in Oregon and are now able to better identify the areas that need targeted improvement for the second phase of the Workgroup's efforts: to define roles and responsibilities and related contract expectations and deliverables, and to develop recommendations to ensure a regulatory framework to better serve consumers and providers.

We appreciate the opportunity to be a part of this Workgroup and look forward to ongoing efforts on this topic.