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Oregon State Legislature
Senate Committee Human Services
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: SB1113

Chair Gelser Blouin, Vice-Chair Linthicum and Members of the Committee:

As the clinical leadership team at Madrona Recovery, we are writing to share our questions and concerns regarding the potential impact of Oregon Senate Bill 1113, specifically Section 10, Part 4; page 12, line 29, which states:

"A physician or other licensed health care professional who is certified in the use of the type of restraint used continuously monitors the use of the restraint and assesses the physical and psychological well-being of the child in care at all times while the restraint is being used."

We are concerned about the feasibility of this provision. If this section is interpreted to require 24/7 on-site staffing by a physician (MD) or licensed health care professional (such as a registered nurse certified in restraint use) at all child-caring agencies, we believe that the currently documented workforce supply is inadequate to comply with this mandate.

As you may be aware, there is a nationwide shortage of child psychiatrists and psychiatrically trained registered nurses. This shortage poses significant challenges, particularly in ensuring continuous monitoring and assessment as required by the provision.

We respectfully raise the following questions for consideration:

1. How does the legislature propose to address the existing workforce limitations in child psychiatry and psychiatric nursing to meet the requirements of this provision?
2. Are alternative strategies or interim measures being considered to support child-caring agencies while workforce shortages are addressed?
3. Will resources or incentives be made available to recruit and retain child psychiatrists and certified psychiatric RNs to ensure compliance with this requirement?

It is crucial to strike a balance between the intended goals of Senate Bill 1113 and the realities of the current workforce supply. We urge the legislature to thoughtfully evaluate the practical implications of this provision and consider measures to ensure that agencies can comply without compromising the quality of care for children.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

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