



House Committee on Higher Education and Workforce Development
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301
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RE: Support for HB 3669

Dear Chair Hudson, Vice Chairs Fragala and Harbick, and Members of the Committee,

Located in Portland, Oregon, Central City Concern (CCC) provides a comprehensive continuum of care that integrates affordable housing with behavioral health services, primary health care, addiction recovery, and employment support. In 2024 alone, CCC served 15,991 individuals experiencing or at risk of homelessness through these essential, wraparound services.

We know that employment services play a critical role in stabilizing lives and supporting recovery. At CCC, clients who engaged in employment services were **up to 5.5 times more likely** to secure permanent housing and **7.2 times more likely** to complete outpatient substance use treatment without needing detox.

That's why CCC strongly supports House Bill 3669, which builds on the success of Prosperity 10,000 and establishes the Prosperity Programs. This bill addresses two core challenges: expanding the behavioral health workforce and connecting people in recovery to meaningful employment. These investments not only support recovery and housing stability, but they also help ease the burden on emergency and crisis systems. The result is stronger health outcomes and a more resilient economy.

HB 3669 directs resources to trusted local partners—nonprofits, employers, labor organizations, and educational institutions—who are best positioned to help historically underserved Oregonians access high-demand careers in behavioral health and other fields.

Passing HB 3669 is both a public health and economic imperative. It offers a proven, equity-focused strategy to stabilize our behavioral health system and create lasting opportunity for individuals, families, and communities.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to building a healthier Oregon.

Sincerely,

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