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I support this because Oregon needs to learn from more successful mental health systems in other states and countries. I've spoken face to face with Oregon Senators and Representatives about the suffering my whole family has endured due to my teen daughters (non addict) schizophrenia. Under your own breath, I've been instructed, "Leave Oregon if you want help that can intervene! Get out of Oregon." You all already know what's needed. Study should be accomplished through the catalyst of active integrated community services to the severely mentally ill and the families since Oregon Health Authority is already known for frivolously miss spending mental health funding. Paying for an executive test a \$1000 mental health comfort chair or to go to Hawaii for a week to tour a clinic for an hour and those types of spending games should not be how funds are applied. Feet on the ground inserting active supports and taking immediate community action whist learning is the way. Come spend the days with me as my daughter gets painfully crucified in hallucinations for hours and hours and I'll show you exactly what mental health supports and interventions would help. I'll donate free education. Not only should study funds be given, how it is applied and how study is accomplished should show an active and real benefit to the community the study is meant to help. The OHA also needs training. Education is a part of study. The whole world seems to know more about mental illness, the help of involuntary commitment, medication, other treatments, and community services than Oregon does. There's plenty of information available that I know... you already know about... so no slow learning curve is needed. It's time for action. We don't need 20 years of study, pussy footing around. We need study applied immediately and integrated into community services and wrap around care. Time for the world to stop shaking their heads in shame of the barbaric and neglectful lack of treatment for the mentally ill and watch us make massive change as a good example of a successful system of services.