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Good afternoon Co-chairs Campos and Valderrama, members of the committee on the subcommittee on Human Services,

My name is Cory Wilson and I am a Psychiatric Social Worker at the Stabilization and Crisis Unit. I've been at SACU for almost a year and joined the workforce because I want to be able to serve this population who needs support and care.

I write today in opposition to the proposed budget for the Oregon Department of Human Services as presented with a decrease in funding and the transition from state operated homes to private providers in the second year of the biennium. SACU runs crisis homes, and private providers run long-term homes. Oregon cannot afford to lose any crisis beds.

It's crucial for SACU to stay open because without us there is no place else for these people to go when they're in crisis and that would leave them injuring themselves or others in the community.

We urge this committee to carefully consider the impacts this has on the individuals served. Any funding cuts without a clear plan about how individuals will get served in other settings puts their lives at risk. As a direct care worker, this proposed budget is reckless and has lacked clear communication to all parties involved.

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