



March 25, 2025

Oregon Joint Committee on Ways and Means
Senator Kate Lieber, Co-Chair
Representative Tawna Sanchez, Co-Chair
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street
Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: Support for Re-appropriation Request for the Lane County Behavioral Health Stabilization Center

Dear Co-Chair Lieber, Co-Chair Sanchez, and Members of the Committee,

As Executive Director of Emergence Addiction and Behavioral Therapies—a non-profit outpatient behavioral health provider serving Lane and Linn Counties—I am writing to express support for Lane County's 25-27 Capital Project Funding request for the Lane County Behavioral Health Stabilization Center.

The Behavioral Health Stabilization Center is essential for addressing urgent community needs. It will provide 24-hour urgent care for individuals in acute behavioral health crises, with dedicated units for adult and youth supervision, intensive substance abuse treatment, and post-acute care. This approach will reduce the strain on emergency departments and offer critical support to those in need.

Lane County has partnered with PeaceHealth to co-locate the Behavioral Health Stabilization Center with their planned behavioral health unit, Timber Springs. Timber Springs will feature a 96-bed inpatient unit for both youth and adults. These co-located facilities will ensure convenient access for individuals in crisis.

The project has secured half of the necessary funds through Lane County, federal HRSA grants, and Oregon Lottery Bond allocations. Appropriating this funding in the 202-2027 biennium will keep this project on track with stand-up timelines.

Thank you for considering my feedback and for your dedication to solving our state's behavioral health crises. I look forward to working with you to build a safer and healthier Oregon where everyone belongs.

Respectfully submitted,

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