



OREGON
Alliance
of Children's Programs

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HB 2297
SUPPORTING
HOUSE HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE

Chair Representative Greenlick and Committee Members,

I am Janet Arenz, Executive Director of the Oregon Alliance of Children's Programs. We represent organizations who provide nearly \$230 million in services to over 100,000 children in Oregon.

We are very pleased with the development of HB 2297, and the opportunity it presents through the establishment of a task force to Build a More Effective System for Preventing Children's Behavioral, Psychological and Health Problems.

The scope of the task force mandate is targeted to the right objectives, and we believe creates a scope of work that will translate into effective prevention and interventions for children that create great outcomes for them and create a residual series of outcomes that will be great for Oregon.

While there are many other entities working on pieces of the various systems targeting some of the objectives in the bill, this is an opportunity to provide coordination and communication between them for the most effective possible results.

We urge you to move this bill forward.

Thank you.

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