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TO: The Honorable Mitch Greenlick
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SUBJECT: HB 3230

Chair Greenlick and members of the committee; for the record, my name is Justin Hopkins. I'm the Quality Management Administrator for the Addictions and Mental Health Division of the Oregon Health Authority. The reason for my testimony is to provide the committee with information regarding HB 3230.

- 1) HB 3230 would amend the existing statutes governing licensed residential treatment facilities and homes (ORS 443.400), as well as registered residential facilities (ORS 443.480).
- 2) Currently, there are programs that house and provide services to individuals where neither the setting, nor the services provided meet the statutory definition of a residential treatment facility or home. Therefore, the Oregon Health Authority does not have the authority to license these programs. For example, if a program operates on a less than 24/7 basis, or they do not provide what is statutorily defined as residential care and treatment, the program is not eligible to receive a license, and therefore is not subject to any of the safeguards provided by the applicable statute, or the corresponding Oregon Administrative Rules.
- 3) There is a separate classification for "registered facilities" under ORS 443.480. Currently, the Oregon Health Authority does not have the authority to "register" facilities under ORS 443.480. HB 3230 would give the Oregon Health Authority the ability to register facilities that don't meet the criteria for requiring a license under 443.400.
- 4) HB 3230 also creates a definition for "Community-based structured

housing.” Programs meeting the definition of “community-based structured housing” would be required to register with the Oregon Health Authority. Examples of programs meeting this definition include congregate housing settings where services are provided on-site by the owner of the property, or an employee or contractor of the owner. The Oregon Health Authority is aware of numerous programs across Oregon that fit this mold without any type of oversight.

- 5) HB 3230 also directs the Oregon Health Authority and the Department of Human Services to create standards for “registered facilities.” The standards for the facilities must address, at a minimum, the physical properties of the facility, food services and storage, medication administration, and staff training.
- 6) By giving the Oregon Health Authority the statutory authority to register this category of facility, it would allow for the development of standards and review processes that could help to ensure the safety and well-being of individuals with mental illness or substance use disorders living in congregate housing settings.
- 7) Through the development of a registry, HB 3230 would also enable the Oregon Health Authority to create an inventory of “community-based structured housing” programs.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. I’d be happy to answer any questions the committee may have.