



Monday, April 6, 2015

Chair Greenlick,

I am writing on behalf of Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare to express our support for HB 3132. Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare provides mental health and addiction treatment services as well as supported and supportive housing in Oregon in over 75 locations Multnomah, Clackamas and Lane Counties, helping 12,000 and employing over 900 Oregonians. CBH is unique in providing a full continuum of services to children, families, adults and older adults.

HB 3132 expands the opportunity for local authorities to use conduit bonding to finance expansion in the behavioral healthcare delivery system by redefining entities able to use conduit bonds. As Oregon strives to meet the needs of those with significant behavioral healthcare diagnoses, local communities need all the available tools to increase capacity for community mental health and addiction treatment.

Much progress needs to be made around the state to create a behavioral health delivery system of which Oregon can be proud. HB 3132 encourages communities to develop innovative housing solutions by adding another option for partners such as Cascadia to finance an expansion.

Cascadia urges you to pass HB 3132.

Sincerely,

Derald Walker
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