



ASSOCIATION OF OREGON COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS
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Testimony in support of HB 2948A – Specifies additional conditions under which protected health information may be disclosed by health care provider

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Dear Chair Monnes Anderson and Members of the Senate Health Care Committee,

On behalf of the members of the Association of Oregon Community Mental Health Programs (AOCMHP), I would like to express support for HB 2948A. As the public mental health delivery system, community mental health programs are both sensitive to privacy concerns of clients and to the necessity of preventing or lessening a serious threat to the health and safety of the individual or to the public.

We are in agreement with the revisions made in the amendments to align with HIPAA and to clearly delineate the circumstances in which a health care provider may use or disclose protected health information and to whom.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 2948A.

Sincerely,

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