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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 4016 A

**Senate Committee on Health Care
Sen. Laurie Monnes Anderson, Chair
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Good afternoon Chair Monnes Anderson, Members of the Committee,

For the record my name is Kathleen Haley and I serve as the Executive Director for the Oregon Medical Board.

Oregon's Health Professionals' Services Program (HPSP) is a monitoring program for health professional licensees with substance use disorder, mental health disorder, or both disorders. The four health professional regulatory boards that currently participate in HPSP are the Board of Dentistry, the Board of Nursing, the Board of Pharmacy, and the Medical Board. HPSP operates under ORS 676.190 and OAR 415-065.

By statute, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) can provide HPSP monitoring services or contract with a vendor to provide these services. The Boards will be prepared to assume this responsibility. All other aspects of the monitoring remains the same.

Over the years, the administrative cost to the health boards for the HPSP program has increased. The participating health boards propose legislation that they, and any future participating boards, be allowed to provide the administrative aspects to contract directly with a vendor to provide monitoring services.

With this change, the participating health boards will save an estimated \$300,000 per biennium. The OHA is aware of the proposed legislation and does not object to the changes.

On behalf of the participating boards, I urge your support.

I would be happy to answer any questions.

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Executive Director