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## Testimony in support of SB 49 – Juvenile placements for restoration services

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Dear Chair Prozanski and Members of Senate Judiciary Committee,

On behalf of the Association of Oregon Community Mental Health Programs (AOCMHP) I would like to express our support for SB 49-1 to allow youth who are in need of restoration services to remain in their current placements when appropriate. We are in favor of not disrupting care and not placing into a higher level care than needed if at all possible. We also support the amendment clarifying that youth who are in detention facilities do not have to remain in these facilities during restoration and we are committed to partnering on identifying the most appropriate placements for youth who need restoration services.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 49-1.

Sincerely,

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