



Taking action for basic human needs.



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Dear Chair Barker, Vice-Chairs, and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Human Services Coalition (HSCO), we respectfully request your support for HB 3380.

For over three decades, HSCO has convened like-minded advocates in an effort to fight for the policy development and resources necessary to support vulnerable Oregonians. HSCO is made up of over 120 individuals and organizations that work together to develop effective tax, education, health care, housing, human services and economic development policy

We believe that a strong family unit is critical to the development of Oregon children at every socioeconomic level. In 2015, the Family Sentencing Alternative program passed with bipartisan support; this program provides a supervised alternative to prison for Oregonians who are needed to sustain family stability. HB 3380 would build on the success of the Family Sentencing Alternative program by expanding the program and making eligible those who were unintentionally excluded from the program in 2015, including pregnant women.

HSCO believes that our communities must take advantage of the resources that have successfully helped vulnerable Oregonians live healthy and successful lives. We support HB 3380 as it aligns with HSCO's guiding principles, and we thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Thank you,
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