



ASSOCIATION OF OREGON COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS
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Testimony in support of HB 2304 – Adding Peer, Family, Youth Support Specialists to Traditional Health Workers Commission

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

On behalf of the Association of Oregon Community Mental Health Programs (AOCMHP) I would like to express our support for HB 2304 in acknowledgement and validation of the critical role of peers in Oregon's health care system. Peers (family, youth, recovery mentors, etc.) serve as key navigators to help people improve their health and quality of life, and to start down or stay on their own roads to recovery. We look forward to increasing inclusion of peers in more areas of health care service delivery and support services, and in ensuring they are fairly compensated by all payers.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 2304.

Sincerely,

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