



April 12, 2017

Comments on HB 3352-2



Chair Greenlick and Members of the House Committee on Health Care:



The undersigned Coordinated Care Organizations are writing to express our support for HB 3352-2. Each CCO values the provision of health services in a manner that is supportive of our members' needs and in environments that have the best opportunity for success. The continued development of close partnerships with school systems in our regions will allow for maximizing our collective resources to meet the children and adolescents' behavioral health needs while improving their ability to engage in their education.



It is a common model for the CCOs' behavioral health systems to have co-location of mental health professionals in schools. Schools can be a preferred location for children, adolescents, and their family members to receive services which lead to positive outcomes for them. However, the full extent of the services being provided, challenges and barriers, and the existing gaps need to be determined through a comprehensive evaluation by the Oregon Health Authority and the Oregon Department of Education. CCOs look forward to working with OHA and ODE on this evaluation and will continue our collaboration with our local systems.



We look forward to continuing this conversation as this legislation progresses.



Sincerely,



- AllCare Health
- Cascade Health Alliance
- Columbia Pacific CCO
- Eastern Oregon CCO
- Health Share of Oregon
- InterCommunity Health Network CCO
- Jackson Care Connect
- Pacific Source Community Solutions
- Trillium Community Health Plan
- Umpqua Health Alliance

