



Testimony in support of SB 1555
Oregon Marijuana Account fund use

February 6, 2018

Dear Chair Gelser and Members of Senate Human Services Committee,

On behalf of the Association of Oregon Community Mental Health Programs (AOCMHP), I would like to express our support for SB 1555. We understand this to be a fix to fund mental health services delivered through the County Financial Assistance Agreement that had been budgeted from marijuana tax revenue.

We appreciate the inclusion of “mental health treatment” in the allowable uses for the funding in the Oregon Marijuana Account to avoid a \$16 million budget hole this biennium. As you know, Community Mental Health Programs manage and provide services for people with mental illness and substance use disorders, who often are living with both conditions.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 1555.

Sincerely,

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