



Comments in Support of HB 2215
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NAMI Oregon wishes to express its support for HB 2215, a bill aimed at providing basic privacy standards at Oregon State Hospital, and the amendment proposed by Disability Rights Oregon.

Patient safety in an institutional setting is of paramount concern, especially given our population's elevated risk of self-harm. At the same time, our zeal for safety must be tempered by our need for basic privacy expectations at our most intimate moments in day-to-day living. NAMI Oregon believes HB 2215, with DRO's suggested amendment, helps strike a balance that ensures safety while also protecting a patient's right to dignity and privacy while in care at OSH.

We reiterate our support for HB 2215 and urge its passage. Thank you for this opportunity to provide input.