



SB 20 – Consolidating I/DD service eligibility for children and adults

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Dear Chair Gelser and Members of Senate Committee on Human Services,

On behalf of the Association of Oregon Community Mental Health Programs (AOCMHP), we are providing feedback on the initial draft of SB 20. We believe some language changes would help to clarify the intent of SB 20 and we have volunteered to work with ODDS, Brokerages, and other system partners on amendments through a workgroup process.

AOCMHP's membership includes 32 Community Developmental Disabilities Programs (CDDPs) across Oregon, operated through Community Mental Health Programs, by not-for-profit entities that contract with local government or that contract directly with the DHS/ODDS. CDDPs help assure the protection and safety of over 25,000 Oregonians with I/DD in collaboration with families and providers, and provide case management services to over 17,000 children and adults eligible for services.

We support the intention of SB 20 to make the I/DD system easier for individuals and their families to navigate and access services. As initially drafted we are not sure if the bill language reflects this goal and look forward to constructive work group conversations to that end.

We support a more effective and efficient system. This goal was undermined last biennium when case management entities were underfunded due to a last-minute \$15 million budget reduction. Although SB 20 has no state fiscal impact, we expect it will have a negative fiscal impact on each local CDDP, especially if case management is not fully funded.

Thank you for your leadership in asking ODDS to work with CMEs and other stakeholders to work together to find consensus language for SB 20 that can be brought back as amendments for your committee's consideration.

Sincerely,

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