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**To:** Senate Health Committee

**From:** Beckie Child, MSW Ph.D. c.

**Date:** February 25, 2019

**Re:** SB 138 Concerns

I have a number of concerns regarding SB 138. However, one of my main concerns is that SB 138 appears to not be in accordance with ORS 430.075.

**430.075 Consumer participation on task forces, commissions, advisory groups and committees.** (1) Subject to the limitations in subsection (2) of this section, at least 20 percent of the membership of all task forces, commissions, advisory groups and committees established by a public body, as defined in ORS 174.109, shall be consumers, with representation balanced by age. (2) Subsection (1) of this section applies only to task forces, commissions, advisory groups and committees established by a public body, as defined in ORS 174.109, that: (a) Primarily relate to persons with mental health or addiction issues; and (b) Are subject to ORS 192.630. [2007 c.805 §3].

While I understand that work has already begun on this committee, and SB 138 allows the committee to continue their work the fact remains that the people most impacted by the work and outcomes of this committee are severely underrepresented.

Family members have an important voice and they do not speak on behalf of people who take psychotropic medication. Only those people who currently take or have taken psychotropic medication can speak for themselves.

Sincerely,



Beckie Child  
Multnomah County

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