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TO: Senate Committee on Health Care

RE: SB 137, relating to behavioral health services provided by coordinated care organizations

Dear Senator Monnes Anderson and members of the Committee:

Lane County has examined SB 137 and the conceptual amendments to the measure and cannot offer our support for any further work on it.

Our Health and Human Services Department and our Coordinated Care Organization which serves Lane County, Trillium Community Health Plan have collaborated on behavioral health service delivery since the inception of health care transformation within Oregon. It is fair to characterize this relationship as seamless, to the extent that Lane County is the provider for the CCO for behavioral health services for Trillium's members.

SB 137 would eliminate this relationship and statutorily prohibit other models like ours from being created. This would be an exceedingly bad public policy from our perspective and would result in serious hardships for Lane County residents that we successfully serve under this model.

As we move into CCO 2.0 the opportunity before us is to discuss more flexibility and creativity when it comes to identified health problems in our communities. SB 137 would take us in the wrong direction by taking away the ability to collaborate with our CCO. We are convinced that the burdens this would place on Lane County would translate into fewer services available, slower response times for those in crisis, and additional costs.

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