



January 31, 2020

Dear Chair Roblan, Vice-Chair Boles and Members of the Committee,

Deschutes County strongly supports the funding for SB 1552 of the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics. Our CCBHC has made significant progress in dealing with our chronically mentally challenged. We have been able to use forward thinking involving peers to address our county's population issues including seniors and veterans. We have over fourteen thousand veterans so you realize how important the program is to us.

Thank you again for recognizing the importance of funding SB 1552. The bill supports the continuation of CCBHC's in Oregon and would allocate \$15 million to make up the state match in federal dollars. It is crucial we continue Oregon being part of the eight states selected for this program. It is truly critical in today's world.

Most Sincerely,

Patti Adair, Deschutes County Commissioner