



To: House Committee on Judiciary
From: Oregon Alliance
Re: HB 4040
Date: February, 5 2020

Dear Chair Sanchez and Members of the House Committee on Judiciary

I am writing on behalf of Oregon Alliance members to support HB 4040 which will establish a Family Treatment Court Program in Coos County, Clackamas County, Douglas County, Jackson County and Marion County.

Family Treatment Courts use a multidisciplinary, collaborative approach to serve families who require substance use disorder treatment and who are involved with the child welfare system. Well-functioning treatment courts bring together substance use disorder treatment, child welfare services, mental health, and social services agencies in a non-adversarial approach. They seek to provide safe environments for children, intensive judicial monitoring, and interventions to treat parents' substance use disorders and other co-occurring risk factors. Outcomes include higher rates of participation and longer stays in substance use disorder treatment, family reunification, and less time for children in foster care.

The Oregon Alliance is a diverse group of organizations serving annually over 100,000 of Oregon's children, youth and their families at home, school, in residential settings, and within their communities. Our members provide services to these children and their families and know first-hand the importance of having an improved collaboration between team members from the court, child welfare, and substance use disorder treatment and social services agencies. It ensures the well-being of children, and to offer parents the tools and support they need to address the challenges they face due to their addiction and to become sober, responsible caregivers.

The Alliance urges you to support HB 4040 and thanks you for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

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