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Madame Chair and members of the Senate Human Services, Mental Health, and Recovery Committee,

As the largest national membership organization of residential treatment centers, therapeutic boarding schools, and wilderness therapy programs, the National Association of Therapeutic Schools and Programs (NATSAP) appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony on S.B. 710.

NATSAP has 5 member schools and programs in Oregon. As with all NATSAP member programs, the ones in Oregon are dedicated to providing effective care to adolescents and young adults with mental, behavioral and emotional challenges.

Our schools and programs provide excellent treatment for program participants; treatment rooted in heart-felt concern for their well-being and growth; respect for the students as human beings; and sensitivity to their individual needs and integrity.

As such, NATSAP strongly supports the creation of laws that help protect the rights and safety of the students who attend our programs. We support S.B. 710 regarding the changes and restrictions to the use of restraint at treatment programs.

If possible, we suggest an amendment that would provide a definition of “qualified healthcare professional” as it applies to the chemical restraint provision. A clear definition would serve to eliminate any confusion about the process for administering a chemical restraint.

I would like to reiterate that we appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony on S.B. 710 and we look forward to working with you throughout the legislative session. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director
