



SB 90 –Exempts public disclosure of residential facility addresses of individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

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Dear Chair Gelser, Vice-Chair Anderson, and members of the Senate Committee on Human Services, Mental Health, and Recovery.

On behalf of the Association of Oregon Community Mental Health Programs (AOCMHP), we are writing in support of SB 90, which ensures privacy of the addresses of individuals with intellectual developmental disabilities (I/DD) living in residential foster care and group homes.

AOCMHP represents the Community Developmental Disabilities Programs (CDDPs) across Oregon. CDDPs provide services to individuals and their families with I/DD in all 36 counties. Some programs are operated through Community Mental Health Programs, and others by not-for-profit entities that contract with local government or that contract directly with DHS/ODDS. CDDPs help assure the protection and safety of over 25,000 Oregonians with I/DD in collaboration with families and providers and provide case management services to over 19,000 children and adults eligible for services.

SB 90 protects individuals with I/DD who reside in foster care and group homes by preventing the disclosure of their addresses within public record requests. The addresses of where these individuals live should not be made public. Allowing this information to be subject to potential disclosure would not be in the best interest of the people living in these programs and puts their confidential information at risk. Passing SB 90 will allow individuals living in foster care and group homes the right to make their own decision about sharing personal information, helping maintain people with I/DD's right to privacy.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our support for SB 90.

Sincerely,

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