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To: House Committee on Behavioral Health; others

**Re: I OPPOSE [HB 2980]...**

Health professionals will always produce well documented opinions using "this data set or that data set" to support their respective thesis on a particular subject matter. I am not being mean-spirited or disrespectful for the issues medical professionals raise are problematic and unabated.

**[HB 2980]** is contains several flaws and does not support General Fund allocation as stated in the **"Text: [Page 2 at 2-5]."**

Let's review the services from "Peer Services" as stated in the **"Text:[Page 1 at 5-15]."**

Are the services likened to "an employment opportunity of the mentally impaired to treat other mentally impaired" so they can be in our midst. What are their qualifications to operate a successful program?

The inclusion of **[HB 2980]** in "residential settings" are going to be exceptionally popular" with adjacent and surrounding property owners. property values around residentially situated service centers will suffer severe diminution in value and any equity in these properties will be nil.

**[HB 2980]** is going to initiate numerous law suits.

The "collaboration" with county mental health departments as stated in the **"Text: [Page 1-25],"** opens the door to additional operational and performance analyses. The incorporation of contracted nonprofit, public benefit and or religious corporations is exceptionally problematic.

The **"Text: [Page 1 at 28-29 and Page 22 at 1],"** states, "(5) As a condition of the receipt of funding, peer-run organizations must allow the authority access to the peer respite centers to conduct investigations and assessments, necessary, to ensure that residents receive the quality and scope of services required."

Isn't this precious, "The Fox is guarding the Hen House." Whereas the authority should have "oversight' over this program but...a "condition in all Peer-respite center contracts" should permit the Audits Division of the Secretary of State access to any and all records to conduct performance and financial audits without interference and or prior notice.

Further, the work product; data, information, observations, and et cetera derived from "Per-respite-centers" should be classified as "the intellectual property of the State of Oregon, with all the rights pertaining thereto."

**[HB 2980]** as written, should be discarded with extreme prejudice.

**Programs to service the mentally ill are needed but they should not have congenital design flaws.**

*Respectfully submitted,*

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