



**Testimony in support of HB 3116 – A study of the
Community Developmental Disability Programs funding structure**

February 24, 2021

Dear Chair Williams and Members of the House Committee on Human Services,

On behalf of the Association of Oregon Community Mental Health Programs (AOCMHP), we are writing in support of HB 3116, a study on the current funding structure of case management programs for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD).

AOCMHP's membership includes Community Developmental Disabilities Programs (CDDPs), which provide services to individuals and families with I/DD in all 36 counties of Oregon. Some of the CDDPs are operated through Community Mental Health Programs, while others are nonprofit entities that contract with local governments or directly with DHS/ODDS. CDDPs help assure the protection and safety of over 31,000 Oregonians with I/DD in collaboration with families and providers; CDDPs provide direct case management services to over 22,000 children and adults.

The current CDDP workload model creates inherent inequities that result in underfunding critical I/DD infrastructure for larger, county based CDDPs. These CDDPs serve areas of Oregon with higher cost of living, increased population density and diversity, and rising costs for service delivery. The workload model does not reflect these elevated costs, resulting in a lack of resources for the Oregonians we serve.

The study directed by HB 3116, which will take into account the need for culturally responsive, specific, and inclusive services, will be used to recommend needed adjustments to the workload model. This important study will allow us to move towards a more balanced workload model structure that will better support larger counties and communities of color.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our support to study the CDDP funding structure resulting in recommendations for a more equitable funding structure.

Sincerely,

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