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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health
Measure: HB4070

Dear Chair Rep. Nosse, Vice Co-Chairs Rep. Reynolds and Rep. Moore-Green, and members of the House Behavioral Health Committee:

I support HB4070 regarding the Oregon Consumer Advisory Council (OCAC) which advises the Oregon Health Authority (OHA).

I am not here on behalf of OCAC, or representing OCAC; rather as a member of the public, though I have served on the OCAC.

In the 2021 legislative session, SB721 (<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Measures/Overview/SB721>) passed. However, there was a veto when there was what I believe to be an unfortunate misunderstanding about whether the language of that bill would somehow indicate OCAC would determine policy which has not been the case. Rather, OCAC in its advisory role to OHA, may inform policy and/or make recommendations regarding policy for consideration by OHA. Making a recommendation about policy is not the same as making or determining policy, per my understanding.

In order to address the particular concern, HB4070 was drafted. Please support HB4070.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Laura Rose Misaras