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Joint Committee on General Government  
900 Court St. NE  
Salem Oregon 97301

Dear Co-Chairs Patterson, Smith, and Committee Members:

I'm writing **on behalf of our members to ask you to pass SB606, the Oregon Nonprofit Modernization Act**. Your support is critical to the health of the nonprofit sector and the communities they serve.

The Oregon Alliance is a dedicated champion and established voice in advocating for the safety, health, and well-being of children, youth, families, and communities across Oregon. We are an association of a diverse group of organizations serving Oregon's kids and their families at home, in school, in residential settings, and within the community. We work to help all youth live better lives and for families and communities to thrive in every corner of Oregon.

Our members are facing crisis-level workforce turnover, late payments, low administrative rates, and overwhelming reporting requirements when providing services in the youth behavioral health sector. SB606 would provide much needed relief including:

- Requiring a de minimis administrative rate of 10 percent or higher.
- Eliminating reimbursement as a form of payment for state grants.
- Requiring disbursement of contract funds within 30-days of signed contract.
- Creating the Nonprofit Workforce Retention Fund to provide grants nonprofits to help maintain and prevent employee turnover.
- Creating a state task force to reform nonprofit contracting to streamline and simplify the process, raise wages, and create an ecosystem of administrative policies, statutes and funding levels that lead to sustainable government/nonprofit partnerships.

The Oregon Alliance appreciates your consideration of SB606. Please don't hesitate to contact if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Royce Bowlin, CEO