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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Human Services  
Measure: SB420

Statement of Lauren Fisher, MD in support of Senate Bill 420

Dear Members of the Senate Committee on Human Services:

I'm writing to communicate my enthusiastic support of SB 420, providing resource navigation to Oregonians with brain injury.

I am a Psychiatrist (a type of physician who works closely with those who have survived brain injuries or other neurologic injuries) and I am in support of SB 420. This bill will help all Oregonians with brain injury and their caregivers receive better access to the support and services they need. This is especially critical for those from systemically underserved communities.

People living with brain injury are more likely to experience chronic homelessness, unemployment, they have difficulty navigating the medical system to advocate for themselves, and are more likely to be incarcerated compared to the general population. This is especially true for patients without a strong family support system helping to guide them through the disability and medical systems.

I request that you support SB 420. Brain injury resource navigation will be life changing for so many.

Sincerely,

Lauren Fisher, MD  
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