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Dear Chair Nosse, Vice Chairs Goodwin, Nelson and Members of the House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care:

The Oregon Alliance is supportive of HB2651 and ask that any amendments related to this legislation specifically name nonprofit providers of Behavior Rehabilitation Services as eligible for these funds. Nonprofit providers are effective, cost-effective, have lower overheads and better client engagement than many government-based services, particularly for children, youth and families who are wary or afraid to engage with formal systems.

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 a diverse group of organizations serving Oregon's kids and their families at home, in school, in residential settings, and within the community. We join with dedicated community leaders, our partners in government, allied fields, and those we serve to deliver effective policies, best practices, and resources. We work to help all kids live better lives and for families and communities to thrive in every corner of Oregon.

Our members work in partnership to recognize and respond to the complexities of behavioral health, intellectual and developmental disabilities, emotional challenges, and trauma. Alliance members provide an array of critical services for children, youth, and families including behavioral and mental health services, homeless youth services, therapeutic residential care, and prevention services, along with foster care, adoption, family reunification, education, and substance use treatment.

Thank you for your consideration,

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