

Written Testimony in *support* of SB 303

Dear Hon. Senator Steiner, and Members of the Senate Health Care Committee:

I'm writing in support of Senate Bill 303, requiring psilocybin service centers and facilitators to report focused, protected data, so that we can better understand and move forward with this ground-breaking and very Oregonian initiative.

As an early public advocate for the related voter-passed measure 109, I'm especially aware of the unanswered questions regarding this potentially break-through therapy. As a clinically active treating physician, with medical directorships of addictions and hospice/end-of-life programs, I want and need all the information we can gather to better understand the risks and benefits of psilocybin-assisted therapy within the model Oregon has created, and how the system we have created is performing on the measures listed in the bill.

It is my opinion that the privacy, patient protection and deidentification aspects of SB 3303 are fairly standard for current healthcare service, and therefore workable, and should be adequate for patient and service provider protection.

As a hospice physician, I'm especially hopeful that psilocybin service centers and facilitators can help patients with end-of-life questions and complications. Because these patients are going to be more medically fragile, it's especially important that we collect and have meaningful safety data. Like all psychological services and treatments, patients and clinicians are going to need to make individualized treatment recommendations and decisions. The more, and more uniform, data available, the better we can guide those decisions.

Regarding the provision for OHSU delegated evaluation of state-collected data, I have experience with this from affiliation with the previous OHSU Office of Rural Health. I am confident that this can be another successful OHSU/state data collection and evaluation project. (I do not speak for Oregon Health and Science University, or Gentiva Health Services, my two employers, listed for identification purposes only).

In summary, I urge the Committee to move this bill forward for full Oregon Senate consideration and passage.

Yours,

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