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I am writing because I am fundamentally opposed to SB 303. First, as a licensed physician in the state of Oregon, I believe firmly in the value and need for scientific research especially in fields of new potential medicines that can treat mental health issues. Secondly, I believe in individuals rights to privacy including their own data. I feel that requiring individual to disclose their personal data without their consent is a violation of human rights. Furthermore, the cost of such an endeavor needs to be considered and if OHA and OHSU do not have funds to pay for the proposed data collection in SB 303 this cost will un-doubtedly fall on the participants, which will place further financial barrier on those communities that are most in need and are historically disadvantaged. Being a member of the global majority (also known as the BIPOC community) this is of specific concern to me as historically BIPOC and other marginalized communities have not had equal accessibility to services often due to financial obstacles. I feel it is important to have data collection for scientific researcher around psilocybin assisted therapy but it MUST be voluntarily given under consent from the parties whose data is being collected in order to maintain human rights to privacy.