



Chair Nosse
Vice-Chair Goodwin
Vice-Chair Nelson
Members of the House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care

Testimony in Support of HB 2463– Reducing administrative burden

Dear Chair Nosse, Vice-Chair Goodwin, Vice-Chair Nelson and members of the committee:

My name is Anna Braun with Braun Law LLC and I represent GOBHI Greater Oregon Behavioral Health Inc. **GOBHI supports HB 2463.**

GOBHI is a behavioral health and social services network serving in 12 rural/frontier counties with the goal of empowering individuals and communities to achieve better health. GOBHI was established in 1994 and is a non-profit organization.

HB 2463 is the product of an interim work group that addressed the overwhelming administrative burden in the behavioral health system. Behavioral health care is suffering because providers must spend too much time jumping through administrative hoops that do not result in better care or accountability. The interim work group identified areas of agreement that could be implemented by OHA but also identified the complexity of the system and concluded that more sustained work on this issue was required.

HB 2463 proposes ongoing work groups for OHA and we also highlight that this is a necessary part of behavioral health care and cannot be delayed. We are encouraged by the new leadership at OHA in behavioral health but the necessity for HB 2463 still remains.

GOBHI encourages support for HB 2463.

Thank you.