



March 14, 2023

House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care

The Honorable Rep. Rob Nosse, Chair

The Honorable Rep. Christine Goodwin, Vice Chair

The Honorable Rep. Travis Nelson, Vice Chair

Chair Nosse, Vice Chair Goodwin, and Vice Chair Nelson,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of House Bill 2539. As senior vice president and chief operating officer for OHSU, I am distinctly aware of the challenges in providing timely, safe, and trauma-informed behavioral health care for young people in Oregon.

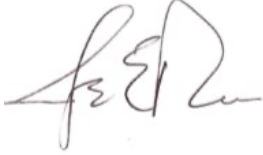
OHSU has been and continues to be involved in creating solutions for adult patients needing acute behavioral health care. Within the proposal for The Oregon Center for Child, Family, and Community Health, we are pleased to be collaborating on the equally important population of pediatric patients with Trillium Family Services, CareOregon, POIC/RAHS, and Motus Diversity Recruiting.

As Oregon's comprehensive public academic health center, OHSU is well positioned to provide medical coverage that supports an integrated care model as described by Trillium colleagues and others who submitted supportive testimony today. Trillium's expanded Portland campus will also enhance OHSU's ability to train new clinicians for the future. Training tomorrow's health professionals in a model that supports whole-person care, as described in the vision for The Center, benefits patients, families, and our health care system.

Finally, OHSU is also offering leased medical office space to help this important expansion come to life.

Thank you for considering this request, which OHSU believes is an investment in the lives of hundreds of Oregon youth and countless bright futures.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Ness". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Joe" and last name "Ness" clearly distinguishable.

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