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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Addiction and Community Safety Response

Measure: HB4002

Dear Senator Lieber and co-chair Kropf,

Regarding HB4002,

In addition to exploring ways of accrediting counselors and therapists, I would like the study group to look into accrediting more services that could provide treatment, follow up and maintenance. Religiously affiliated services, voluntary organizations and anonymous groups like AA. What kind of documentation would be needed to effectively sponsor a person through recovery or maintenance?

Evidence shows that there are many paths to effective behavior change. What would the requirements be to demonstrate successful behavior change and how could this be documented? What are the liabilities should an individual or institution fail?

My hope is that anyone who desires change can attempt it and be acknowledged for their efforts.

Kind Regards, Tom Espinosa Medford, Oregon