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Chair Nosse, Vice Chairs Nelson and Javadi, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Laura Feldman "I'm testifying in support of House Bill 2143."

Since the early 80s when I first began acupuncture treatment for everything from bone fractures to sore muscles, colds and grieving, acupuncture has been for me an amazing healing modality that I share with everyone I know at some point or another. Before acupuncture was covered by medical insurance in the U.S. I would find treatment here or there from an unlicensed professional, and never regretted the treatment I received. When acupuncture was finally covered by insurance I was happy to have help paying for treatment while able. Now on Medicare with a plan B's that covers acupuncture with a co-pay that I can't afford anymore. I've been relying on Working Class Acupuncture where I can be treated on a sliding scale for which I'm grateful. I tell people I'm as healthy as I am because of I stay active and get acupuncture treatments regularly.

It's exciting to learn about the Oregon Five Needles Point Protocol that could help with treatment of addiction, detoxification, stress reduction and supporting overall wellness. I feel if we all had easy and affordable access to this treatment, especially for those dealing with addiction and pain management, it would be a much happier and safer community for all of us.

Please support HB 2143.

Thank you,
Laura Feldman