

TO: Oregon House Committee on Behavioral Health and Healthcare
RE: HB 2239 Testimony
FROM: Jerrod Murray, Executive Director of Painted Horse Recovery

Chair Nosse, Vice Chairs Javadi and Nelson, and members of the committee,

My name is Jerrod Murray, and I am the Executive Director of Painted Horse Recovery, a non-profit recovery organization tailored to helping Natives overcome drug addiction and alcoholism through peer support and recovery services.

Thanks to elected leadership passing SB 1530, which provided considerable funding for recovery residences in 2024, we opened a recovery residence in Portland, Oregon. This was our first sober living home, and MHACBO's support through the NARR accreditation process was extremely helpful.

- Expanding capacity rapidly creates opportunities for mismanagement of funds, but with MHACBOs help we have ensured we are financially and operationally responsible.
- With NARR in place, we have been able to have fair policies and procedures and equal opportunity for clients to get into the house.
- Having this house has given our community a stepping stone to recovery and a stable foundation. Here they can be safe because of the standards in place.

To summarize: NARR is also essential because I have heard of programs across the United States abusing public funds and harming community members, including those of the Native community. Thanks to MHACBO and our legislative leaders, Painted Horse is providing quality and responsible services to members of the Native community.

Please vote Yes on HB 2239.

Jerrod Murray
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