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Chairs Nosse, Javedi, and Nelson and members of the committee. My name is Bo Brinson, I am the Executive Director of Oregon Recovers, a statewide nonprofit organization committed to ending Oregon's addiction crisis by increasing access to effective care. I am here today to express our support for HB 2147, which would provide \$1.2 million in state funding to create a grant program to fund addiction medicine physician fellowship training and declare a state of public health emergency with regard to substance use disorder in Oregon.

As we all know, substance use disorder is one of the most pressing public health challenges facing Oregon today. The crisis continues to devastate families, strain our healthcare system, and overwhelm our communities. Yet, despite the scale of this problem, we face a critical shortage of addiction medicine specialists to provide the care and support that individuals struggling with substance use need.

HB 2147 represents a significant step in addressing this gap by funding fellowship training programs for addiction medicine physicians. By investing in the education and training of new addiction medicine specialists, we can ensure that Oregon has the skilled workforce necessary to tackle this crisis. These fellowship programs would help build a pipeline of healthcare providers who are specifically trained to treat substance use disorder and related mental health barriers, ensuring that more Oregonians can access the high-quality care they deserve.

Additionally, declaring a state of public health emergency with regards to SUD will bring greater focus and urgency to the crisis, allowing us to prioritize resources and take bold, meaningful action. With the guidance of experts, including the ADPC, the state legislature, and the governor, the funds allocated through this bill will be directed to where they are needed most, ensuring that we are taking a comprehensive and data-driven approach to solving this crisis.

Oregon Recovers strongly supports HB 2147, and we urge you to pass this important legislation. It is an investment in the health of our communities, the future of our healthcare system, and the well-being of those who need help the most.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,
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