



TO: Joint Committee on Addiction and Community Safety Response
FROM: 4D Recovery
RE: House Bill 2929

Dear Co-Chairs Kropf and Prozanski, and Members of the Committee,

For the past eight years, I have advocated for and served on the Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission because I believe a single point of accountability is essential to leading our state toward a future where substance use is prevented, individuals developing disorders receive timely treatment, and long-term remission from addiction is normalized. The ADPC serves as that point of accountability, and HB 2929 strengthens its ability to guide us toward this future by:

- **Increasing Contract Authority:** This provision enhances the commission's ability to fulfill its responsibilities more efficiently and effectively.
- **Reframing Charge and Responsibility:** While service effectiveness is important, prioritizing access to services will better serve Oregonians and maximize the commission's impact. Additionally, positioning the ADPC to establish state policies and hold agencies accountable ensures alignment across all systems working toward a shared goal.
- **Updating Membership Composition:** While the current membership includes dedicated individuals, it remains incomplete. The proposed amendment adds critical representatives from local government bodies and state agencies—positions essential for crafting and implementing a statewide plan that ensures access to care.

HB 2929 is a vital step in strengthening Oregon's response to substance use disorders. By enhancing the ADPC's capacity and accountability, we can create a more coordinated, effective, and accessible system of care. I urge you to support this bill and help build a healthier future for all Oregonians.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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