

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,

My name is Sara Barger, and I serve as the Director of Public Affairs and Relations at 4D Recovery.

4D Recovery's mission is to provide, in partnership with systems, communities, and individuals, comprehensive services that help adolescents, young adults, and families recover from substance use disorders.

While we offer a continuum of care, we recognize that advocacy, policy, and government administration are equally crucial to serving our clients. That is why we strongly support the Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission.

The proposed amendments strengthen the commission's membership and equip it with additional tools to support state agencies in addressing the addiction crisis. This is particularly important when considering the needs of our youth.

Although the Oregon Health Authority is often seen as the primary entity responsible for addressing the state's addiction crisis, the reality is that many state agencies play a critical role—especially in supporting youth and families. This bill and its proposed amendments add key state agency partners to the commission and designate one agency to be specifically youth-focused.

4D Recovery strongly supports this bill and urges the committee to do the same.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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