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On Behalf Of: WOMHA
Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB824

Dear Members of the Committee,

I am a therapist/social worker/alcohol and drug counselor practicing out of Portland for citizens throughout the state, and a member of the Western Oregon Mental Health Alliance (WOMHA). I am writing in support of SB 824 with the -1 amendment to allow the Department of Consumer and Business Services to continue collecting important data from insurers on behavioral health parity as required by HB 3046 (2021).

Please support SB 824. We have made progress on mental health parity in the state of Oregon. Collecting data will make sure we don't go backwards and continue to promote the health and safety of all Oregonians.

Thank you,

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