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I oppose this measure because it weakens professional oversight and risks unintended harm to both providers and clients. Centralizing credentialing under the Oregon Health Authority removes flexibility from coordinated care organizations and creates a single point of failure that could increase delays, bureaucracy, and access problems rather than reduce them.

The bill also allows cross-discipline supervision in ways that dilute profession-specific standards and training. Supervision is not interchangeable across licenses, and loosening these requirements undermines quality of care and public protection. Finally, transferring administrative and regulatory oversight of the Board of Licensed Social Workers to the Mental Health Regulatory Agency reduces the board's autonomy and professional self-governance without clear evidence this change will improve efficiency or outcomes. This measure moves too fast, centralizes too much authority, and creates real risk without demonstrated benefit.