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I am a Licensed Clinical Social Worker who has provided clinical treatment in a variety of capacities for over 30 years in our wonderful state of Oregon. A recent development in the behavioral health field has involved insurance companies requesting you comb through records, find a clerical error and demand already received payments to be returned. Some younger therapists seem to be eschewing the insurance game altogether by working on a strictly cash basis, thereby effectively leaving those who are not wealthy enough to pay out of pocket with many less counseling options. This bill, HB 4028, provides a clear set of standards for the mental health system while also giving reasonable protections to mental health providers in the state. Thank you for your time.