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Public Testimony in Opposition to SB 1583
Senate Committee on Judiciary

Chair and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary,

The Pathfinder Network is a statewide nonprofit that partners with justice system impacted individuals and families to ensure they have the tools and support they need to be safe and thrive in our communities. We respectfully submit this testimony in opposition to SB 1583. Our position is grounded in both lived experience and daily operational reality inside Oregon's justice and behavioral health systems.

We provide critical addiction recovery services and behavioral health care to individuals in Multnomah, Marion, Jackson, and Clackamas Counties who are involved in the criminal justice system. Last year alone, we served more than 3,000 Oregonians through nine service locations statewide. We work directly within prisons, jails, transition centers, and community corrections, partnering closely with local systems and community-based providers in BHRN's to advance shared public safety and public health goals.

As a recipient of Measure 110 funding, we have seen firsthand what stable, community-based behavioral health investment can accomplish. Measure 110 represents a historic commitment to treatment and recovery services that save lives, strengthen families, and reduce justice system involvement. These outcomes are only possible when providers have consistency in funding, governance, and clear system expectations.

SB 1583 would destabilize the very systems of care built under Measure 110.

Over the past several years, providers and communities have invested significant time building capacity, hiring and training staff, developing partnerships, and earning trust with people who have often been failed by systems before. Abrupt structural and oversight changes threaten that progress. Disruptions to funding, governance, and accountability create uncertainty that makes it harder to deliver consistent care and risks leaving people without access to critical and lifesaving services.

At a time when Oregon's behavioral health system is already facing workforce shortages and funding pressures, introducing additional administrative instability will widen service gaps. Rural and underserved communities will feel these impacts first and most acutely. Participants experience this instability directly through delayed access, interrupted care, increased barriers, and the loss of trusted relationships and support. For people navigating behavioral health challenges, inconsistency in services often leads to disengagement, relapse, or renewed justice system involvement. These are exactly the outcomes we have collectively worked to prevent.

We also want to be clear that the data challenges identified in the Secretary of State's audit are not the result of a lack of provider accountability. Providers already collect and report extensive outcome data, often across multiple platforms with evolving requirements. The challenge is not whether data is being collected. It is whether statewide systems are aligned, standardized, and effective. The solution is to strengthen infrastructure and technical assistance, not destabilize the providers delivering services on the ground. Oregon should invest in

improved data systems, consistent reporting standards, and shared measurement practices that support meaningful evaluation and continuous improvement.

Effective systems of care are built incrementally. They depend on stable governance, predictable funding, and time to deliver. Repeated structural shifts undermine that stability and make it harder for providers to deliver the measurable outcomes the state is seeking. Oregon should focus on strengthening what is working, not introducing changes that risk disrupting lifesaving services.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge you to oppose SB 1583.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony and for your continued commitment to the health and safety of Oregon communities,

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