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Public Testimony in Opposition to SB 1583
Senate Committee on Judiciary

Chair and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary,

My name is Tiffany Atkinson, and I am the Director of Community Corrections Programs at The Pathfinder Network. I am submitting this testimony in opposition to SB 1583 both as a community provider working closely with public systems and as a person in long-term recovery.

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 across Oregon. This work has been intentionally built within the behavioral health system and aligned with oversight through the Oregon Health Authority and the Oregon Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission. Keeping Measure 110 funds within this structure is essential to protecting the progress that providers and systems have worked hard to build over the past several years.

SB 1583 would move funding and oversight that were always intended to support behavioral health into a criminal justice framework. For providers and Oregonians receiving services, this would be deeply disruptive. Programs, staffing, partnerships, and accountability systems have all been developed to meet behavioral health expectations. Shifting oversight to the Criminal Justice Commission would force providers to restructure in the middle of active work, pulling time and resources away from people who are currently being served.

I want to be clear that this does not mean the current structure is perfect. There may be adjustments needed to committee composition, decision-making processes, or coordination across systems. Those are conversations worth having. However, moving Measure 110 out of OHA and away from the Oversight and Accountability Council is not a small adjustment. It fundamentally changes the intent of the funding and risks destabilizing behavioral health resource networks that are already doing impactful work.

Behavioral health services work best when they are governed through a public health lens that understands treatment, recovery, Medicaid, and continuity of care. Stability matters. Constant structural changes make it harder for providers to plan, harder for systems to coordinate, and harder for people seeking services to stay engaged.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Senate Committee on Judiciary to oppose SB 1583 and to keep Measure 110 funding and oversight within OHA and the Oversight and Accountability Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully,
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