



Chair Pham, Vice Chairs Javadi and Edwards, and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Tri-County Behavioral Health Providers Association (TCBHPA), we respectfully urge your support for House Bill 4083.

Oregon continues to face significant demand for mental health and substance use disorder services, yet workforce shortages remain one of the primary barriers to timely access to care. Providers across the state are working to recruit and retain qualified professionals but are often hindered by administrative requirements that delay entry into practice.

HB 4083 takes meaningful steps to address these challenges by streamlining credentialing processes and expanding supervisory capacity. These changes will help qualified clinicians enter the workforce more efficiently while supporting those already serving Oregon communities. Reducing unnecessary administrative burden allows providers to focus their time and resources on delivering high-quality care rather than navigating complex regulatory processes.

Strengthening the behavioral health workforce is essential to improving access, reducing wait times, and ensuring that individuals and families receive the services they need when they need them. HB 4083 represents a practical and thoughtful approach to supporting providers and the patients who rely on them.

TCBHPA appreciates the Legislature's continued commitment to stabilizing and strengthening Oregon's behavioral health system. We urge your support for HB 4083.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

The TCBHPA Board of Directors