



Looking Glass
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February 10, 2026

Re: Support for HB 4059

Dear Chair Hartman, Co-Chairs Scharf and Walters, and Members of the Committee:

For over 55 years, Looking Glass Community Services has supported vulnerable youth and adolescents in Eugene and Lane County experiencing homelessness, mental and behavioral health challenges, and involvement in foster care and juvenile justice systems. We are nationally accredited, state-licensed and facilitate outside independent reviews of our services. We provide safe, trauma-informed treatment environments with highly trained staff in all our programs. Through this work, we see firsthand that Oregon’s current regulatory system often causes harm to the very children and families it is intended to protect.

Over the past decade, the number of nonprofit providers equipped to serve high acuity youth has dropped from 51 to just seven statewide. As capacity has disappeared, many young people have been left without appropriate placements, cycling through emergency rooms, temporary lodging, or homelessness. Programs serving youth in minority populations have been most affected. This is not safe, compassionate, or effective.

At the same time, years of increasingly burdensome regulations and investigations have driven caring staff out of the field, leaving many providers unable to fully staff or sustain critical programs.

HB 4059 offers a needed course correction. By adopting the widely used “preponderance of evidence” standard and aligning Oregon with 32 other states, the bill establishes a fairer balance that protects children while supporting the workforce serving them.

Youth with complex needs require safe, stable services and supported staff. I urge you to support HB 4059.

Sincerely,

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