

February 18, 2026

Senate Committee on Early Childhood and Behavioral Health
900 Court Street NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: House Bill 4068 - Support

Chair Reynolds, Vice-Chair Anderson, and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on House Bill 4068, which is a technical fix for young adults in transition aged youth residential treatment homes.

Multnomah County's Behavioral Health Division supports pathways for transitional youth to access treatment. Currently, the statute limits programs serving transition age youth to ages over 17.5. House Bill 4068 will clarify that youth over 17 can participate in these programs. The bill provides clarity for the process for licensing facilities. Support for this specific population would allow consideration during the licensing process and through new requirements of the unique developmental needs of and risks specific to this population.

We ask for your support on HB 4068 and we respectfully request the committee to report a 'do pass recommendation' to the Oregon Senate.

Sincerely,

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