



Chair Reynolds, Vice Chairs Anderson, and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Tri-County Behavioral Health Providers Association (TCBHPA), we respectfully urge your support for HB 4070 and the -A10 amendment clarifying and strengthening Oregon's behavioral health statutes.

The -A10 amendment provides important clarity regarding Oregon's expectations for service delivery and reinforces meaningful, quality-driven standards under the oversight of the Oregon Health Authority. Ensuring that services delivered under the Oregon Health Plan meet Oregon's safety and accountability standards is critical to protecting patients and maintaining trust in our behavioral health system.

Oregon-licensed providers already deliver telehealth services across the state, utilizing flexible care models that include telehealth, outreach, and in-office treatment. Telehealth remains an essential tool, particularly for rural and underserved communities. The amendment does not limit telehealth access. Rather, it affirms that services delivered to Oregonians must meet Oregon's licensure and regulatory requirements.

Maintaining clear licensure expectations ensures that clinicians are accountable to Oregon's regulatory bodies and practicing within established professional standards. This clarity protects patients, strengthens oversight, and promotes confidence in the care being delivered.

Additionally, supporting services delivered by Oregon-licensed professionals helps strengthen and expand our in-state behavioral health workforce. At a time when workforce development is a priority, policies that reinforce accountability and stability within Oregon's provider network are essential.

TCBHPA supports thoughtful policies that expand access while preserving quality, accountability, and patient safety. HB 4070 and the -A10 amendment advance those goals.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued commitment to improving Oregon's behavioral health system.

Respectfully,
The TCBHPA Board of Directors