



Oregon Alliance

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RE: Support HB 4042A

Chair Gelser Blouin, Vice-Chair Linthicum, and Members of the Senate Committee on Human Services,

The Oregon Alliance of Children's Programs advocates for the safety, health, and well-being of children, youth, families, and communities across Oregon. Our member organizations provide essential services in homes, schools, residential programs, and communities statewide, working alongside government agencies and community partners to deliver effective programs and policies for Oregon's most vulnerable children and families.

Our members operate within complex systems, often in high-risk and high-acuity environments. The engrossed version of HB 4042 appropriately recognizes that protecting children is not solely the responsibility of individual providers, but of the broader system that licenses, monitors, and intervenes when standards are not met. In that sense, the bill reflects an important shift toward shared accountability and clearer expectations across state oversight structures.

We appreciate the intent behind the proposed -A8 amendment, HB 4042A, and the committee's efforts to improve the system. However, we are concerned that the current amendment language risks moving Oregon forward without sufficient analysis of how existing mechanisms interact. Given the complexity of this system, a more deliberate and comprehensive approach will produce stronger and more durable results.

For this reason, the Alliance supports the engrossed version of HB 4042 as a limited step forward **but urges the Legislature to direct the creation of a workgroup to examine existing legislation, mandated reports, and oversight responsibilities in their entirety and consider recommendations from the HB 4086 report.** This workgroup should be tasked with developing a cohesive, coordinated plan for system improvements to be considered during the 2027 legislative session. Thoughtful planning now will help avoid fragmented reforms and unintended consequences later.

Thank you for your leadership and for your continued commitment to Oregon's children, youth, and families.

Sincerely,

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