

2/24/2026

RE: Support HB 4042A

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

My name is Ana Day, and I am the executive director of Oregon Community Programs in Lane County. Oregon Community Programs provides behavioral health services to youth with OHP, as well as treatment foster care to young people in Oregon's child welfare and juvenile justice systems. I support the engrossed version of HB 4042A which makes small but sensible changes to Oregon statute to reduce confusion, such as clarifying that using child car seats as intended is not a prohibited use of restraint. The engrossed version of HB 4042A appropriately recognizes that protecting children is not solely the responsibility of individual providers, but also of the broader system that licenses, monitors, and intervenes when standards are not met.

Together with the Oregon Alliance, we appreciate the intent behind the proposed -A8 amendment and the committee's efforts to improve the system. However, we are concerned that the current amendment language risks potential unintended consequences without time to sufficiently review and address them. Given the complexity of this system, a more deliberate and comprehensive approach will produce stronger and more durable results.

The engrossed version of HB 4042A is a limited yet important step forward. At the same time, I urge the Legislature to direct the creation of a workgroup to examine existing legislation, the recommendations from the HB 4086 report, and the recommendations from Special Master Marty Beyer with the intent to create coordinated plan for system improvements to be considered during the 2027 legislative session.

Thank you for your continued efforts to support the needs of young people across Oregon.

Sincerely

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Ana Day, LMFT
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Oregon Community Programs