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Oregon Legislature Passes Bill to Support Adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

SALEM, Ore. – Today, the House has passed [SB 729](#), taking critical steps to improve access to coordinated health care for Oregonians with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). The bill requires that no public body may deny any individual access to mental health assessment, treatment or services on the basis that the individual also has an I/DD, regardless of age of the individual.

“For too long, people with I/DD have faced gaps in care and fragmented services,” said **Rep. Rob Nosse (D-Inner SE Portland)**. “This bill ensures we finally hold our system accountable for delivering the care these Oregonians deserve.”

People with I/DD often face systemic barriers to accessing the same health care as others, despite being among the populations with the greatest need.

“Access to mental health care is a basic human right. No one should be excluded from treatment simply because of a disability, this bill is about equity, dignity, and doing what’s right,” said **Rep. Travis Nelson (D-N & NE Portland)**.

SB 729 is designed to create a more consistent, equitable standard of care across the state.

“For too long, legal loopholes allowed public agencies to deny necessary services—SB 729 closes those gaps and enforces accountability,” **Rep. Tom Andersen (D-South Salem)**.

The bill now heads to Governor Tina Kotek’s desk.

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