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Vote Explanation on HB 2257

I voted YES on HB 2257 for the following reasons and more... It was an honor to be appointed by the Governor and serve on the Opioid Task Force. Some key points I brought up through that work and subsequent language put into the bill:

The most frequent concern with the CCO system expressed in listening tours and the Governors number one recommendation was to improve behavioral health.

HB 2257 sets a standard and addresses some of those concerns by requiring the CCO's provide the same agents for treatment that federal legislation stipulates should be equally available: methadone, buprenorphine, and injectable naltrexone for the first thirty days of treatment.

This will help Oregonians move on with their lives at the critical moment when they are ready to start treatment without allowing unnecessary delays to drag them back into addiction.

Respectfully,

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