

The Honorable Mike McGuire  
State Capitol, Room 5061  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: AB 1098 (O'Donnell) Substance use disorders: youth programs - Support**

Dear Senator McGuire:

The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors supports AB 1098 (O'Donnell) which would provide structure and accountability for the use of Proposition 64 Adult Use of Marijuana Act taxes for youth substance use disorder (SUD) services.

AB 1098 provides a framework for accountability to ensure that programs awarded grants from the Youth Education, Prevention, Early Intervention and Treatment Account, created by the legalization of recreational cannabis, are evidence-based or evidence-informed and must include measurable outcomes. The bill requires grant applicants to provide plans for meaningful collaboration among local agencies, including educational, public, county-based and community-based organizations. This bill would also require the development of a statewide workforce plan to address the very serious shortage of SUD treatment providers which is particularly acute in rural areas.

Humboldt County supports state investment in substance use disorder treatment and services. We are pleased to join with the County Behavioral Health Directors Association (CBHDA) in our support for AB 1098.

Sincerely,

Rex Bohn  
Chair, Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

cc: Shaw/Yoder/Antwith, Inc.  
California State Association of Counties (CSAC)  
County Behavioral Health Directors Association (CBHDA)  
Tim Ash, Humboldt County Behavioral Health Board