

HB 2101 Testimony  
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Thank you Chair Greenlick and members of the committee. For the record my name is Wally Ordeman and I'm the contract lobbyist for the Oregon Hearing Society (OHS), which represents hearing aid dispensers throughout the state.

The OHS supports HB2101 in its original version, and fundamentally agrees with the amendment being proposed which allows audiologists to supervise trainees and temporary licensees.

However, since **audiologists are not bound by the regulatory authority of the Oregon Health Licensing Agency**, before fully signing off on the amendment, the OHS would like assurances that audiologists would still be held responsible for the bad acts of trainees, negligence, or acts of non-compliant supervision. Just as hearing aid specialists **who provide the same supervision** are now.

ORS 694.147 may provide for that leverage, but is by no means on point when it comes to audiologists. It says in part, "OHLA may impose a form of discipline... against any person dealing in hearing aids....," but makes no reference to those who supervise, **nor those who may not come under their authority.**

Again, if **all** supervisors of trainees and temporary licensees are held to the same standard of accountability, then the OHS is supportive of HB2101 and the proposed amendment.