



The Hon. Floyd Prozanski, Chairman  
*Senate Committee on Judiciary*

Oregon State Legislature  
900 Court Street NE  
Salem, OR 97301

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Dear Senator Prozanski,

My name is Steven M. Brown, and I am Chair of the Oregon Association of the Deaf (OAD) legislative subcommittee. I would like to take a moment to share what we are doing, and impress upon you both its importance and what an honor it is to both participate in and observe in its effects.

OAD supports SB 371. I believe SB 371 is essential for those beneficiaries of deceased workers that they may need accommodation services, pursuant to Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), specifically under the auxiliary services. The purpose of this legislation is to ensure that beneficiaries would have able to obtain accommodations when necessary in closure of workers' compensation claims. The responsibility for such accommodations' expenses would be diverted to insurers or self-insured employers.

Thank you for your strong leadership and for your commitment to make it achievable for all.

Sincerely,

Steven M. Brown, MPA, MA  
Legislative Chair

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President

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Senator Sara Gelser  
Senator Kim Thatcher