

SB 696

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We are Mr. Kyle and Mrs. Lyn Dee Osburn.

We have been a consumers of Applied Behavior Analysis, ABA for over twenty years.
We have also been advocates of Applied Behavior Analysis for over twenty years.
Our son, now 23, was diagnosed at OHSU's Child Development and Rehabilitation Center, CDRC in August of 1994 with severe autism; in fact, Daryn Sikora there stated our son's autism was one of the most severe she had seen in her career!
No one at CDRC ever told us about ABA.

We found ABA by pure luck within a few weeks of the diagnosis by reading the book, Let Me Hear Your Voice.

We were baffled by the great opposition to ABA here in Oregon!

With the science behind it we proceeded to implement a home ABA program.
We had Dr. Tristram Smith from UCLA and the Young Autism Project consult our home program.

We have the landmark due process case for an ABA Home Program of at least forty hours a week in 1996.

That case found that an ABA Home Program was more appropriate than the "eclectic" program that the State of Oregon, PPS, Multnomah ESD put forward and insisting the ABA was bad!!!

Over the years with Oregon entrenched in the "eclectic" program of services for autism, we have had to use Board Certified Behavior Analysts from the east coast!!

So ironic that most of the people wanting to hijack the Behavior Analysis Regulatory Board, BARB, are the very same ones that have badmouthed ABA all these years!!!!

This is such a bad bill in so many ways.

There is no emergency!!

There is no other state in the country that allows this!!!! Oregon will be a laughing stock!!

We can't believe the insurance industry would allow this, as it could open them up to all kinds of insurance fraud.

Without these conditions being addressed in the Amendment,
We implore you to oppose SB 696:

- 1) The Behavior Analysis Regulatory Board, BARB, should regulate Licensed Behavior Analysts and Licensed Assistant Behavior Analysts only.
- 2) Other licensed health care providers who use ABA techniques under the auspices of the own professional certifications or licenses and within the bounds of their training and competence should not be required to register with the BARB. They should be regulated by their own respective licensing boards.
- 3) To reflect the changes to provider regulation listed above, the BARB membership should no longer include a Speech and Language Pathologist and should instead include a Licensed Assistant Behavior Analyst.
- 4) The BARB public member should be changed to a consumer of ABA.
- 5) To eliminate cross-regulation between boards, interventionists should be regulated by an independent registry, with specific requirements for background checks, training and supervision.

Thank you for your time and see you this afternoon!!