

SB 1018 Amendments – Testimony by Steven M Brown
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Chair Senator Sara Gelser, Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services
Oregon State Legislature
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Dear Chair Senator Gelser, and the Members of the Senate Committee on Human Services,

I wholeheartedly support Senator Laurie Monnes Anderson’s proposed amendments on SB 1018 at which is outlined below on page 1 started on the line 22 to the page 4 on the strike of the section 10.

Additionally, please refer to current Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) 411-019-0020 for the requirements of 12 members appointed by the Director of Department of Human Services (DHS). Please find enclosed OAR codes attached with this letter.

I add the proposals on amendments on page 1 from Lines 6 to 15.

It is my professional opinion that current rules are the best equipped to refer since all of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community members, including for these who are Deaf-Blind have agreed on specific definitions of the various nature of disabilities. It is recommended to follow the definitions of these disabilities which are outlined under OAR 411-019-0010, as well.

I simply wish the current budget is better than I anticipate but it has forced us to roll back on some original versions of SB 1018. Nevertheless, I congratulate everyone who is working very hard on this legislation, including myself. I strongly encourage this committee to pass with a “**to-do**” pass recommendation for the floor’s full votes.

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Page 1: Line 6 to 7: Please refer to OAR 411-019-0010 for the definitions.

Page 1: Line 8 to 10: Please refer to OAR 411-019-0010 for the definitions.

Page 1: Line 11 to 15: Please refer to OAR 411-019-0010 for the definitions.

Page 1: Line 22: Strike “nine” and replace with “twelve”

Page 1: Strike Line 24-27 and replace with language giving DHS the responsibility to define membership via rule. Here is some sample language for consideration

The Department of Human Services shall adopt rules constituting the membership of the Committee. The membership should include individuals who are:

- Deaf,

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- *Deaf-Blind,*
- *Hard of Hearing*
- *Experienced in providing adaptive equipment.*
- *qualified to provide psychology, mental health, social services, or rehabilitation counseling services.*

Page 1: Line 28: Strike “administer” and replace with “advise”

Page 2: Line 2: Strike “committee” and replace with “Department of Human Services.”

Page 2: Line 22-23: Strike “The Oregon Deaf, Deaf-Blind and Hard of Hearing Committee established under section 2 of this 2017 Act shall administer the program.”

Page 2: Line 24: Strike “committee shall” and replace with “Department of Human Services may”

Page 2: Line 25: Strike “and create a database for”

Page 3: Line 9: Strike “Establish, maintain and “

Page 3: Line 10: Strike “any public or private entity or individual” and replace with “government entities.”

Page 3: Line 13: Strike “Assist the department in making the” and replace with “Making”

Page 3: Line 26: Strike “and ensure the implementation of”.

Page 4: Strike Section 10.

Thank you for your time, and I look forward to seeing this amended legislation passed with the recommendation by this committee.

Yours Truly,



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