

AMERICAN COUNCIL
OF THE BLIND
OF OREGON
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To;
Senate Human Services Chairperson Sara Gelser and Committee

Dear Chair Sara Gelser and Committee Members,

I am writing on behalf of the American Council of the Blind of Oregon, as directed by the Board of Directors, to voice our support of SB 841. The importance of this Bill cannot be overstated. For many years the Business Enterprise Program, administered by the Oregon Commission for the Blind, has had seemingly insurmountable issues that we believe the adoption of this bill will alleviate. We believe the statutes governing the program are in need of revision to provide a more effective and efficient administration of the Program, allowing for improved active participation between the agency and the blind managers, creating new employment opportunities for blind Oregonians and creating an effective training program.

The majority of the Blind Licensed Managers recognize the need for a change in the administration of the Program. We all want to work together to make the Oregon Program an exemplary successful program we can all be proud of.

Thank you for your consideration of our efforts.

James Edwards,
President,
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