

Oregon State Legislature
Senate Committee on Health Care
Chair Senator Laurie Monnes Anderson
900 Court St. NE
Salem Oregon 97301

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Dear Chair Senator Monnes Anderson, and Vice Chair Senator Kruse, and the Members of the Senate Committee on Health Care,

Hello, my name is Steven M Brown. I am a registered lobbyist on behalf of Oregon Association of the Deaf (OAD), and am a vice president of that association, as well.

I am here to extend my strong support for HB 2754 to be "passed" with the recommendation for the House votes. The bill is overdue and a necessary instrumental for Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to track and close the gap in the systems. It is the priority for OHA to seek for such solutions in which would able to fight against such viruses. OAD and I believe this bill is a good start because it encourages all hospitals to report such viruses and it is our calling duty to address such diseases that could be prevented even before it is in the first place.

There are some tragic stories to share, and I believe this legislation is one of these that would make even better for those in the future generations. This legislation is simple and a preventive tool that the authority should take the measures so that such tragic events would not be happened in the future. We are responsible citizens to ensure that our future children are in safe and good hands. I urge you to take the action and make a good difference for the future of our children.

I look forward to seeing this bill passed with the do-pass recommendation. Our time and efforts are worth and so be for the authority to take such measures involved with the requirements in this particular legislation. So far, the bill is in a good position, I urge you to carry the "torch" to the end.

Best regards,



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