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TO: The Honorable Senator Elizabeth Steiner Hayward, Co-Chair
The Honorable Representative Dan Rayfield, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Human Services

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SUBJECT: House Bill 2503-A7, A8, lactation consultant licensure

Co-Chairs Steiner Hayward and Rayfield and members of the committee; I am Sylvie Donaldson, director of the Health Licensing Office.

While the Health Licensing Office is neutral on all bills, I am here to talk about the impact of House Bill 2503 and its A7 and A8 amendments. This bill creates a new license and program that are overseen by the Health Licensing Office. The license is for a lactation consultant.

Currently, there is no specific governing body in Oregon that oversees the practice of lactation consulting. The amendments make sure the program fits into all of the Office's statutes, adds disciplinary authority and fixes the unconstitutional delegation of authority issues present in the original bill. The amendment exempts certified lactation counselors from licensure.

The bill's language is simple and straightforward, and it fits with how the Health Licensing Office operates. My only concern is the word "import" on page one line 12 of the A7 amendment; I recommend changing it to "impose."

Thank you for the opportunity to testify; I am available if there are any questions.