

Dear members of the Senate Committee on Health Care,

I'm writing in support of SB135 with the -1 and -2 amendments, to strengthen regulation of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) services.

SB135, as amended, would:

- Make the employer, in addition to the practitioner, legally accountable for adhering to existing Oregon law governing the practice of behavior analysis.
- Clarify that the unlicensed practice of Applied Behavior Analysis is illegal and give the Health Licensing Office the authority to take enforcement action against unlicensed providers.

I am the mother of a ten year old nonverbal boy on the autism spectrum disorder. Since the age of three, he has received ABA therapy that has greatly helped him and our family. Accountability is critical to ensuring quality services and the safety of our kids and the autism community.

Thank you.

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