



Oregon Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorder

March 9, 2019

To the Senate Committee on Health Care:

Chair: Senator Laurie Monnes Anderson

Vice-Chair: Senator Dennis Linthicum

Members: Senator Lee Beyer, Senator Shemia Fagan, Senator Tim Knopp

As Chair of this Commission, I am writing to request you refer this bill back to a stakeholder advisory committee who can recommend changes to the language in SB 135, which speaks directly to services provided to children on the autism spectrum.

This Commission is comprised of highly qualified individuals with specific knowledge of autism from fields including healthcare, mental health, healthcare insurance, education, and parents of children with autism. As such, the Commission has specific interest in the topic of ABA licensure and practice. We are interested in being part of the conversation about legislation in this area.

Thank you for considering how this body of stakeholders may weigh in to help support legislation that is solving a specific problem and has been well vetted. As a point of information, our next Commission meeting is scheduled for March 21st.

Respectfully,

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Chair, Oregon Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders

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CC: OCASD Commission Members; Representative Janeen Sollman