

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.

My 10 year old autistic son has spent 7 years working with his ABA providers and he is making great progress. We are very lucky that our ABA providers are top notch (considered by me). Not everyone is fortunate as us to have fantastic ABA providers, and I hope you will help us level the playing field on this matter.

Thanks

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