



Oregon Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf

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Honored Chair and Committee,

I am writing in support of HB 3205 on behalf of Oregon Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (ORID). ORID is the only professional membership organization for American Sign Language/English Interpreters in the state. On behalf of the ORID Board I am writing to express our support for HB 3205.

The Community Needs Assessment commissioned by the legislature in 2016 indicates that “Individuals who are DeafBlind or deaf-blind or who have additional disabilities are in severe need of support services providers (SSPs)” (p. 760). This legislation will establish a communication facilitator program for Deafblind individuals. Communication access and support is the first step in ensuring Deafblind individual have more equitable access to programs and services throughout the state of Oregon program. The Residential Protection Service Fund is willing to absorb the cost of the Communication Facilitator program into their budget, thus this legislation has no fiscal impact. The Oregon Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf strongly supports the passing of this bill.

Please let us know if you have any further questions.

Thank You,

The Board of Oregon Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf

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