

Chairman and members of the committee,

I am unable to attend today's hearing, due to a medical attention. I am writing in support of the Senate Bill 795 - Oregon Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services as a resident of Oregon. I strongly encourage you to vote DoPass, changing from may to shall as a permanent entity under the Department of Human Services. Thanks to the Department of Human Services, the administration has recently hired three new positions in addition of the present services. They are great staffers to educate agencies about deaf and hard of hearing and their needs and rights. Very valuable to the State of Oregon. Remember, this state has 182 thousand residents who are deaf, deaf-blind and hard and those have additional disabilities.

Once again, please vote Do Pass the Senate Bill 795.

Thank you

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