

I think every Oregonian is in support of having qualified ASL Interpreters. My concern has been with regards to how this Bill has been written. While I understand the necessity to write the Bill in somewhat vague terms, the way in which the Bill was shared with the DHH community was without input, there is no clear plan for how to serve the many DHH in the community, is there is no clear/standard recommendation for a path to licensing of ASL Interpreters, and I fear that licensing (as currently recommended) will become a "personality" test where licensing can be withheld randomly or based on subjective criteria. I've shared my concerns with ORID, some who are providing testimony in person, as well as members of Oregon Legislature.