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Chairman Rob Nosse  
Behavioral Health and Health Care Committee  
Oregon State Legislature  
900 Court Street NE  
Salem, OR 97301

**RE: HB 2736, Relating to an occupational therapy licensure compact**

Chairman Nosse:

On behalf of the Department of Defense, I am writing in support of the policy changes expressed in HB 2736, which addresses licensing issues affecting our service members and their families.

The Occupational Therapy Compact allows military spouses in this profession to continue to work, without the cumbersome process of relicensing, when they move to and from the State of Oregon. Occupational Licensure compacts have been identified by the Department of Defense as the best form of licensure reciprocity for professionals moving across state lines.

HB 2736 provides specific provisions for active duty military personnel, or their spouse, to designate a home state where the individual has a current license in good standing. The individual may retain the home state designation during the period the service member is on active duty. Subsequent to designating a home state, the individual shall only change their home state through application for licensure in the new state.

We would like to note that Oregon has been a member of a similar successful licensure compact since 2016: Physical Therapy. Compacts ensure state sovereignty through agreed upon rules that apply only to specific policy areas.

We are grateful for the tremendous efforts that Oregon has historically made supporting our military members and their families.

Please feel free to contact me at [Tammie.L.Perreault.civ@mail.mil](mailto:Tammie.L.Perreault.civ@mail.mil) or (571) 424-8264 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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