

Submitter: Steven Carter

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB2994

I work as a pediatric audiologist at Tucker Maxon School in Portland, Oregon. Prior to working here, I was an educational audiologist at Willamette ESD serving students in Marion and Yamhill counties. I deal directly with insurances and can attest to the difficulties involved with obtaining approval and proper compensation for hearing devices, accessories, and testing procedures. It is crucial for children learning via spoken language to have properly fit devices at all times. Unfortunately, some insurances make this very difficult, leaving professionals like me spending more time trying to get the things I need covered and less time working directly with the patients that need me. This bill would do a great job about closing gaps, which would allow me to more properly provide care for my patients and free up time that I would be dealing with insurance billing issues to work with more patients.