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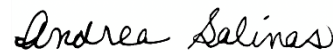
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Esteemed Colleague Members of the Oregon Legislature,

I am proud to have championed the passage of House Bill 2359 in the 2021 session. That bill brought much-needed translation services to healthcare settings to benefit patients and improve care. However, since the passage of that bill, it has become clear that the language of the bill could be read to include licensed healthcare professionals working in education or other non-healthcare settings. This was never intended within the scope of the enrolled bill and was not discussed in legislative hearings.

Since the enactment of the measure, education stakeholders, including the Oregon School Boards Association, the Coalition of School Administrators, and others, have asked that the intent of the measure be made clear in statute. I support updating the statute to clearly exclude hardworking licensed employees working in education settings from the unintended effects of HB 2359.

Sincerely,


Representative Andrea Salinas