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I SUPPORT [SB 1578].

[SB 1578], if managed correctly will reduce overhead costs while increasing interpreter service providers.

For example it appears booking and payment for interpreter services will be more efficient.

My concerns are the quality of service and education of the interpreter and the Nonprofits who hire them.

All too often Nonprofits are formed for the sole purpose of latching onto government funding sources providing substandard and or marginal services and untrained staff. The concern is focused on the training and monitoring costs associated with the necessary standards the Oregon Health Authority requires for a pool of qualified interpreters.

There are also issues of recruitment and retention of qualified interpreters the OHA must constantly consider and this issue alone injects inefficiencies in booking qualified interpreters.

\*Periodic audits" of this program were not discussed and should be included into [SB 1578].

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Mr. Oregon Concur, "We must prepare ourselves for the effects of massive numbers Illegal Aliens (until deported) who will need interpreter services."