



## State Senator Kayse Jama

Senate District 24 (D-East Portland, Damascus, Boring)

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Good Morning Vice-Chair Starr and Members of the Committee.

For the record, my name is Senator Kayse Jama and I represent Senate District 24, covering East Portland, Damascus, and Boring.

I am here today to testify in support of Senate Bill 1595.

Last session this body passed Senate Bill 476, which created a pathway to licensure for qualified foreign-trained medical professionals by allowing the Oregon Medical Board to issue temporary provisional licenses to physicians who meet the necessary qualifications.

Additional provisions directed the Medical Board to publish guidance and obtain culturally responsive training for their members.

The passage of that bill was an important step towards activating a highly skilled workforce in Oregon, and thoughtful implementation will be key to its success.

After discussions with stakeholders, it became clear that effective implementation will require more time.

SB 1595 is a straightforward technical fix to extend the deadlines established in SB 476 by moving the operative dates from 2026 to 2028.

I urge your aye vote.

Sincerely,

State Senator Kayse Jama  
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